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Otsego wraps up summer programs with big events

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

As has been the case for the past several years, Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons were full of family fun in Otsego this summer.

In partnership with the Together Otsego Prospers (TOP), Otsego Public Schools held Summer Fun Nights each Tuesday at the TOP Pavilion, with the school district also hosting the Summer Events series on Wednesdays at Northside Park.

The events wrapped up on Tuesday, July 29, and Wednesday, July 30, respectively.

And what a way to end.

Summer Fun Nights hosted the first-ever Beach Night, featuring loads of sand that turned the area into a beach, a long slip 'n slide down the hill and a DJ.

The Summer Events series concluded with a Back to School Bash that included a backpack/school supply giveaway for area children.

"The numbers were way up this year for both (Summer Fun Nights and the Summer Events)," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said. "I feel like much of that is owed to TOP and the work that they have put towards the marketing of the event series by Taylor Hatten."

According to Mitchell, Beach Night was a huge hit with children and families.

"I think the conclusion of the Tuesday night program with the Beach Day was the beginning of a new tradition," he said. "It seemed like a perfect day. The weather was hot and sticky and all the ideas we spoke of in previous meetings were made possible by DPW Director Mike Bosch and his team.

"And Assistant Fire Chief Mike Bush made sure that (Otsego Fire Department) was well represented as well as providing all the water. In fact, I believe one of the firefighters—Kyle Petrie—made the maiden voyage down the slip 'n slide. Then all the kids lined up for multiple hours to follow."

The Back to School Bash was also a special occasion, with more than 350 backpacks being distributed.

"It's hard to look at that event and not see community all over it," Mitchell said. "The supplies were provided from multiple resources across Otsego, some from large local employers like Parker-Hannifin and some from local interested residents such as Mayor Withee, who donated them at local drop-off sites like City Hall, Harvest and Home and the Community Shoppers Guide."

Mitchell and other members of the Otsego Rotary Club were on hand to pass out free books to each of the children, with popsicles being handed out and a juggler providing entertainment.

"It was quite a scene," Mitchell said. "There is no way somebody could take in that scene and not have great pride in our community and how the volunteers have responded to make this event to be as successful as it is."

And as was the case for both the Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon events, OPS food service workers—led by food service coordinator Julie Guthrie—were on hand to pass out free meals to all children 18 and younger.

Guthrie served as organizer of the summer programs.

"I think the happiest person (at the events) was Julie," Mitchell said. "She was ecstatic to see all the smiles on the kids' faces. If you know Julie, that doesn't surprise you."

Guthrie said organizing the events is a labor of love for her and her staff.

"The families were so amazing as usual," she said. "On Tuesday nights, we would see new families every week and they were so thankful for the opportunity to connect with other families and also have a free evening to do something different with their kids.

"We had a pretty regular crew of families who would attend at Northside Park this year and I saw many family bonds form. When new faces were there, the regulars were welcoming, and it was amazing to hear and see the conversations that took place."

According to Guthrie, all the time and effort that went into making this summer's programs a reality were more than worth it.

"This year was a little emotional for me," she said. "These families feel like an extension of my family. I cannot put a finger on the most rewarding part, but I love when the kids come running up to thank us. They are thankful for every little thing."

Guthrie and her staff also organized the annual Meet Up and Eat Up program, which provided free meals to children each weekday for six weeks during the summer.

An average of 2,400 meals were served each week, she said.

"These events are examples of a group of individuals willing something into reality," Mitchell said of the summer programs. "These events are not a product of a financial donation. It takes volunteers' efforts, not money.

"It takes original ideas, time and a willingness to serve your community. It's just another reason why Otsego is a special place."

On Wednesday, July 30, the Summer Events program at Northside Park wrapped up with the annual Back to School Bash. Students were able to pick out a backpack and school supplies alond with receiving a free book. (Photos provided)

Plainwell among districts for new program for children

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The start of the 2025-26 school year brings with it a new program from the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) aimed at encouraging students, their families and entire communities to dream big.

A Children's Savings Account (CSA) program called My Future Fund will establish savings accounts for all kindergarten students in three Allegan County school districts.

Plainwell Community Schools is one of the three districts in which kindergartners will receive an initial seed deposit of $65. The other two districts are Allegan Public Schools and Fennville Public Schools.

These funds will provide financial support for students' endeavors after high school, whether that's college, a trade school, career training or another form of schooling.

A grant from the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) is being used to fund the program.

"The My Future Fund is more than just a savings program; it's a long-term investment in the potential of Allegan County's youth," said ACCF president/CEO Stephanie Calhoun. "By starting with a small seed deposit in kindergarten, we are helping families build a sense of possibility, creating a pathway toward post-secondary education and workforce training and reinforcing the message that every child's future is worth investing in.

"This program is designed to grow alongside our community. It supports financial literacy, promotes future planning and encourages community-wide engagement."

According to Calhoun, much thought and consideration went into deciding how to go about starting the program in terms of how many districts should be involved in the pilot phase.

"As we developed our grant application, we carefully evaluated whether to launch the Children's Savings Account program countywide, across 10 school districts plus Pullman Elementary and approximately 1,710 students, or begin with a smaller, more manageable pilot.

The Allegan County Community Foundation is starting a Children's Savings Account program, with Plainwell Community Schools among the included districts. (Photo provided)

"After consulting with other Community Foundations in Michigan that run CSA programs, we chose a more conservative approach to ensure a high-quality, well-executed launch."

Plainwell, Allegan and Fennville were selected based on several key factors. Those factors, said Calhoun, including ACCF's deep relationships with their high schools, experienced and collaborative district leadership teams and a strong donor base in each community.

"These trusted, transparent relationships made (Plainwell, Allegan and Fennville) ideal partners for piloting the program, allowing us to gather meaningful feedback and make necessary adjustments before expanding further," Calhoun said. "Our grant supports 565 students in the first year. If enrollment in the selected districts is lower than anticipated, we are prepared to include an additional small district to ensure we maximize impact."

Those smaller districts could include Martin, Glenn, Pullman or Saugatuck.

The idea for starting a Children's Saving Account program in Allegan County began in 2023. That's when Calhoun came across an article highlighting similar programs in other districts in Michigan.

"Soon after, I joined CEDAM's CSA learning cohort to learn from peers and deepen my understanding," Calhoun said. "We originally envisioned launching a CSA program in the future, but when CEDAM announced a $500,000 grant opportunity, we knew we had to act. The chance to bring transformational support to local youth was simply too important to delay.

"We wanted to plant the seed of postsecondary success early in a child's life. It's not just about dollars in an account; it's about helping children believe that higher education and workforce training are not only possible, but expected and achievable."

In addition to the initial seed money in each students' account, other incentives will be offered over time, such as matching funds and bonuses for specific milestones. Milestones could include such things as regular deposits, attendance at financial education events, participation in school/community initiatives or academic achievements.

Families and supporters can also contribute to the account to further grow the savings.

"The program is designed to do more than build financial resources," Calhoun said. "It aims to instill a

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Allegan County communities awarded Match on Main grants

By Gari Voss

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation's (MEDC) Match on Main grants for 2025 have been announced. Governor Gretchen Whitmer shared that the Michigan Strategic Fund will support 63 small businesses across Michigan for a total of $1.49 million aimed at supporting small local businesses to strengthen downtowns throughout the state. This includes three businesses in Allegan County.

The City of Allegan announced that Lunabode, a start-up home décor shop owned by Landria Johnson, received $25,000 to renovate the space on Trowbridge Street that was previously Hunter's Hardware Store, aka Tom's Bike Shop. Johnson will use the awarded funds to repurpose the vacant space into a thoughtfully designed storefront. This will be a unique home goods store offering a curated selection of furnishings, everyday essentials, and seasonal home décor.

The Wayland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) proudly announced that Acqua in Vino, a cherished local business in the heart of downtown Wayland, was awarded a $25,000 Match on Main grant from MEDC. The award will assist owner Arnaldo (Arny) Rodriguez in upgrading the shop. Downtown Development Director Holli McPherson guided Rodriguez through the process to bring about improvements that will enhance the customer experience in selecting wines and gourmet offerings while improving the ambiance of the space.

The City of Plainwell was also awarded a Match on Main to assist the MI Grounds Play Café and Eatery to improve their footprint on Plainwell's Downtown. Denise Siegel, the now retired Community Development manager in Plainwell, assisted co-owners Rae and Ryan Ciokiewicz in completing the application. City Manager Justin Lakamper and his staff will be the fiduciary entity while the Ciokiewicz couple complete their plan to provide a variety of educational, interactive and exciting toys for children and simple but delicious food for parents. For those looking for a quiet hangout, there is a backroom with the same great menu and gentler atmosphere.

Match on Main awarded only one cohort of business grants in 2025. When a business applies, it must be through a local unit of government, Downtown Development Authority, or community development organization. In the case of Lunabode, Johnson worked with the City of Allegan staff with approval from the City Council and MI Ground Play Café and Eatery worked through the City of Plainwell. The Wayland Downtown Development Authority was instrumental in assisting Acqua in Vino.

The beauty of the Match on Main grants is that they can be for start up businesses where the owner demonstrates entrepreneurial skills line Lunabode, or they can be for improvements like Acqua in Vino and MI Ground. No matter which route is taken, the business must demonstrate that the funding will assist in invigorating the community in which the business lies.

"There is no other place I would choose to do business than in Allegan," said Johnson. "The city's continued efforts to transform Downtown Allegan into a place where people want to do business have encouraged me to open Lunabode and add an inspiring shopping experience to the growing number of new businesses."

City Manager Joel Dye added, "With eleven years of success at her flagship store, The Sassy Olive, Landria Johnson has demonstrated strong business acumen and proven that Downtown Allegan is a viable place to grow a business. Support for her new venture from a state agency like the Michigan Economic Development Corporation shows that her hard work is being recognized."

Much of the same sentiment came from Wayland. "This award is a significant step forward for both Acqua in Vino [owner Arnaldo (Arny) Rodriguez] and our broader efforts to strengthen Wayland's downtown business community," said Holli McPherson, Director of the Wayland DDA. "Investments like these not only support local entrepreneurs but also reinforce the vitality and charm that has made Wayland a great place to live, work, and visit."

"Michigan's small businesses are the heart of our downtowns," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "Today's Match on Main grants will provide 63 small businesses across the state with the support they need to grow, thrive, and create bustling, vibrant main streets. By investing in our communities and developing attractive places across the state, we will continue to make Michigan a place where businesses and families choose to locate, grow and succeed."

"Match on Main is a critical tool for supporting place-based small businesses and communities across Michigan, serving as a catalyst in driving small business investment and opportunities for growth," said Amy Rencher, Senior Vice President of Small Business & Talent at MEDC. "Since 2019, we've made a significant impact on small businesses and our local communities through the Match on Main program, with $17 million in private investment leveraged from awarded businesses and hundreds of jobs created and retained. Through Match on Main, we're continuing to foster economic growth throughout the state one entrepreneur at a time."

Congratulations to the grant recipients.

Landria Johnson worked with the City of Allegan to apply for and win a Mach on Main grant from the MEDC. The $25,000 grant will assist in renovating the store that for many years housed Hunter's Hardware store and sold and/or repaired many bicycles. Photo: P Johnson

Arnaldo (Arny) Rodriguez and the Wayland Downtown Development Authority were delighted to announce that they received a 2025 Match on Main Grant from the MEDC so Acqua in Vino can make improvements to help vitalize downtown Wayland. Photo: H. McPherson

My Grounds Play Café and Eatery in Plainwell received a Match on Main grant for $25,000 to enhance their business and better meet the needs and wants of the Plainwell Downtown. Photo: Mi Grounds Cafe

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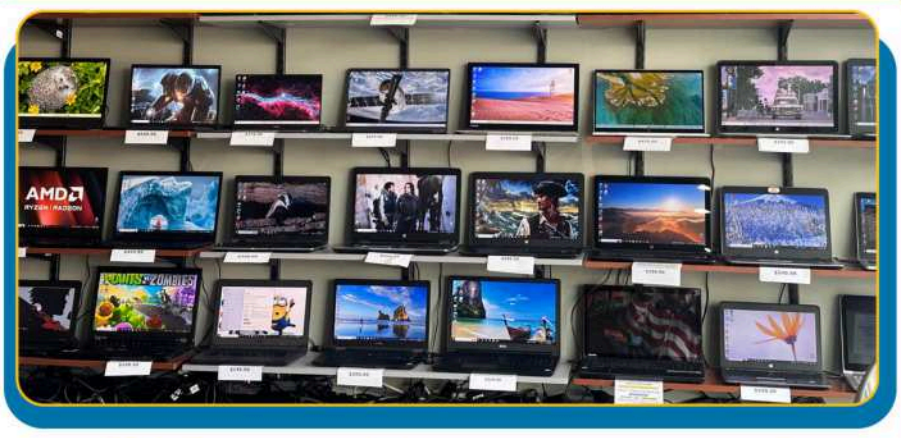

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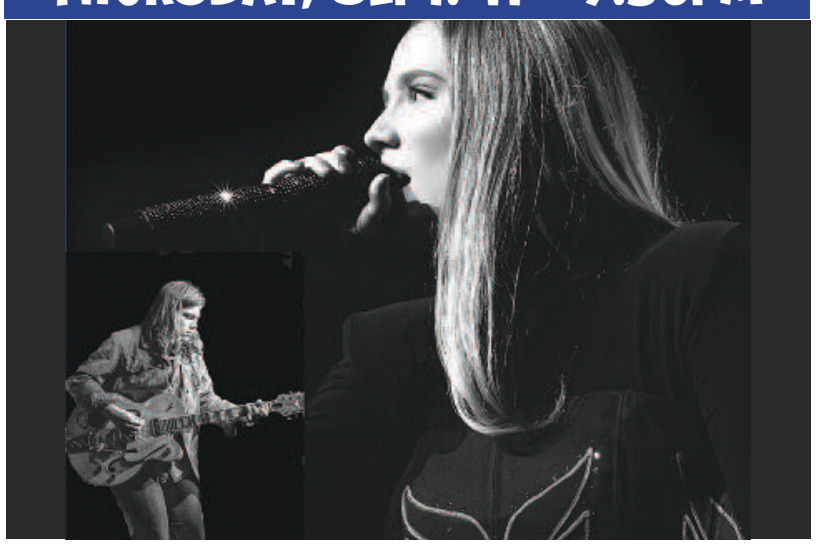

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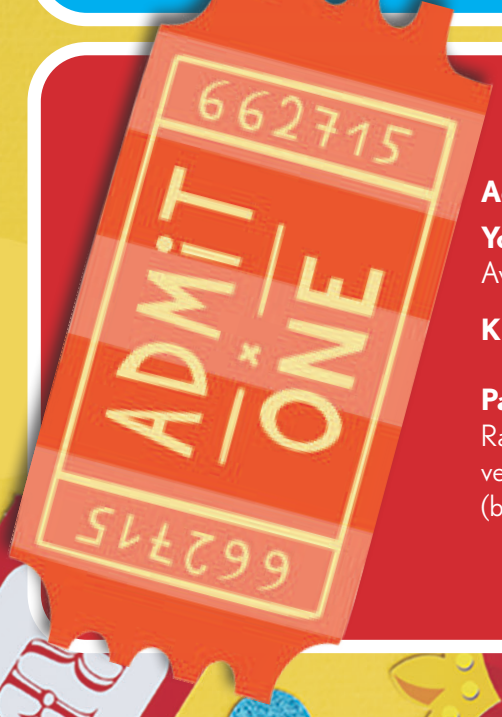

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Tuesday, September 9
Senior Day Seniors admission $5.00 until 12:00 noon. (Does not include parking)

Wednesday, September 10
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Community Calendar - Week of July 28, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Steel City Rovers
City Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 70pm: Allegan Jaycees GMM
The Sassy Olive Locust St. Allegan

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 4pm: Teen Outdoor Game Night
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Zion Lion
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 9am: Cemetery Symposium
Oakwood Cemetery 341 Western Ave. Allegan

Sat., Aug. 9 & Sun., Aug. 10, 2025, 10am-6pm: Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Downtown Fennville shops and vendors.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – Carrie McFerrin
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 5-9pm: Wayland Block Party
Wayland Downtown Wayland
downtownwayland.com

Tues., Aug. 5, 2025, 6pm: National Night Out
Fennville will be alive with neighbors meeting neighbors and law enforcement.

Wed., Aug. 6, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy – learn with Deb Weiss-Gelmi
6pm: Pintesting: Beaded Tassel Necklace – work while chatting. Register at 269 673-4625.
6pm: Sigle Worms Play 'N Learn – Ages 0-3 can enjoy stories, songs & activities.

Wed., Aug. 6, 6-8pm & Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 1-3pm: Hydrangeas
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn to paint hydrangea! All materials and instruction provided. No previous art experience is required for this class. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot on Water and Cutler Streets
Buy local and enjoy…

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories, songs & activities.
6pm: Intro to Henna – Henna Artist Allison Loraine will assist 12 years & up with designs. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6-8pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co 243 Hubard St. Allegan
For more information, call 269-512-7016.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6pm: Allegan Community Players Elections
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Help select the next leaders of ACP.

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Steel City Rovers
City Park 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Enjoy some unique Canadian "Centi-billy" style!

Thurs., Aug. 7, 2025, 70pm: Allegan Jaycees GMM
The Sassy Olive Locust St. Allegan
All young adults 18-40 are invited to the General Membership Meeting and join in creating positive change in the community.

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 4pm: Teen Outdoor Game Night
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
6th – 12th graders will enjoy a variety of games outside.

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 5-9pm: Movies After Dark
Wayland Downtown Wayland
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Fri., Aug. 8, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Zion Lion
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some Raggae.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 9am: Cemetery Symposium
Oakwood Cemetery 341 Western Ave. Allegan
Join us for a day of learning in the cemetery. Topics include geology, cemetery iconography and history, White Bronze monuments, gravestone carving and gravestone restoration. This is a free event, but registration is requested at Friends of the Oakwood Cemetery.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 10am: Pokemon Community Day
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Begin at the library and battle around town.

Sat., Aug. 9 & Sun., Aug. 10, 2025, 10am-6pm: Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Downtown Fennville shops and vendors.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 7pm: Music at Mahan – Carrie McFerrin
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great country.

Sat., Aug. 9, 2025, 7-9pm: Johnson Brothers Texas Storm
Sandy Pines Phase 1 Outdoor Pavilion
This concert is for members, campers and registered guests.

Mon., Aug. 11, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play-Doh Play Lab – 0-7 year olds can be creative.
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring your own craft and enjoy the company.
1pm: Drop In Lego Club – 5-12 year olds can play with Legos.

Mon., Aug. 11, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Mon., Aug. 11, 2025, 7pm: Ranked Choice Voting
Allegan Voc Ed & Tech Center 2891 116th Ave. Allegan
The Republican Party has invited Sheree Ritchie from the Michigan Fair Election Institute to explain Ranked Choice Voting and how it works along with advantages and disadvantages.

Tues., Aug. 12, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
All veterans who have served or are currently serving in the U.S. military are welcome to enjoy coffee, donuts/rolls, and conversation. For information call 269 673-3335.

Tues., Aug. 12, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Story Time – 0-2 year old can enjoy stories and activities
2pm: Teen Game Day – 6-12 graders can enjoy board and digital games.
6:30pm: Book Club – *The one Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* – Come and enjoy the discussion and conversation.

Tues., Aug. 12, 2025, 1-2pm: Popsicles in the Park
Fennville Park 410 N. Maple Fennville
Families with children 0-5 can enjoy free books, popsicles, games, crafts, plus hosted by Help Me Grow Allegan.

Wed., Aug. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Family Storytime in the Park – all are welcome to enjoy stories and fun.
2pm: Recess for Adults – Enjoy a couple hours with friends from The Arc of Allegan County.
6pm: Financial Caregiving – Ashley Suarez of 5/3 Bank will discuss financial wellness.

Wed., Aug. 13, 2025, 6-8pm: Door Mats
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Have some fun creating a custom door mat! Materials are provided for 6. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
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Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
6pm: All About the Allegan State Game Area – Don Poppe of the MI DNR will share history about the game area.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Hydrodip Switch plates
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd. Allegan
Learn how to hydro dip using solvent based paints on these oversized switchplate and outlet covers. Register at https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr.

Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025, 6:30pm: City Music Hall – Josh Rose & the Founding Fathers
City 116 S. Maple St. Fennville
Enjoy Head-in-the-Clouds folk music.

Fri., Aug. 15, 2025, 5-9pm: Movies After Dark
Wayland Downtown Wayland

Fri., Aug 15, 2025, 6pm: Family Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come duke it out in the stacks! Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Aug. 15, 2025, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – The Nathan Moore Affair
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some soul/folk/rock fusion.

Fri., Aug. 15, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan
Fun for the family to support the Congregational Kitchen free meals.

Sat., Aug. 16, 2025: Summer Reading Ends
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Aug. 16, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – AP Dailey News
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great Country & Oldies.

Sat., Aug. 16, 2025, 7-9pm: Run 4 Cover
Sandy Pines Phase 1 Outdoor Pavilion
This concert is for members, campers and registered guests.

Mon., Aug. 18, 2025, 6pm: Craftastic: Mosaic Coaster
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy making mosaic coasters. Materials provided. Register at 269 673-4625

Mon., Aug. 18, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Tues., Aug 19, 2025, 10:30am: Lapsit Storytime
Allegan District Library 334 Hubbard St. Allegan
0-2 year olds enjoy stories and activities.

Wed., Aug 20, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz
Tantrick Brewery Hubbard St. Allegan
Gather a team, library cards and join the fun.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Bingo!, Wednesdays, 6pm: American Legion Hall

Senior Bingo!, Tuesdays from 1-3pm: American Legion Hall
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For more information call 269-430-3961 or check online at https://www.alleganevent.com

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Must be 21 or older. Tickets based on availability. Schedule subject to change.

Community Events

Children's Book Box – Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan
Children can find free books in the Book Box constructed by the Sunday School Youth. Check it out.

Iron Bridge Quilters - Thursdays, 10am-2pm
Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
All ages and levels of expertise are welcome. Create a piece for yourself, for a friend or for a charity. Contact Claudia at acrasmussen5@gmail.com or (269) 673-4579 for more information.

Rivertown Fitness for All Ages and Families
Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Check on the Core and More class. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.

Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com

Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.): Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, eckeen1112@gmail.com

Girls Troop BSA 191 (girls 11-17): Contact Sara Keen sarajkeen@gmail.com.

Senior Fitness/Fit Over 50: Fun fitness designed for ages 50-80plus!
Hicks Gym, 311 E Plainwell Street, Plainwell. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9am. Drop in or call Sharrin at 269-330-3204 or email at denzgirllc@att.net.

The Fairways:
237 Hubbard St. Allegan (269) 655-5890
Get assistance with accuracy, distance, course management, club selection, or distance control. Work on a simulator, and treat it like a practice session at the course to achieve overall game improvement.

Tilt 118: Ice Cream, Pinball Machines, Food and More
Tilt 118 118 Brady St. Allegan
Pinball Leagues, Pinball Classes, Arcade Rental
Contact: Email: smalltownamusements@gmail.com; Phone: 269 720-8137

ASSISTANCE

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
We have been providing services to the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin areas since 1983.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino's 1290 M89, Plainwell.

Love, Inc.
Love in the Name of Christ 4621 135th Ave. Hamilton
For assistance with food, personal care items, baby needs, household items, clothing, appliances, furniture, bicycles, laundry, showers & Life Skills Wrap Around Care, call 269 751-2533. Visit www.loveincnwa.org., email: office@loveincnwa.org.

People Helping People of Pullman
Assistance by appt. 269 236-6295

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

St. Vincent de Paul-St. Margaret Conference - Food and More
St. Vincent de Paul 124A W. Allegan St. Otsego
Mon.: 1-3pm Tues. & Thurs: 10am to noon Wed.: 3-5pm
Food pantry and limited financial aid. Dtvincentdepaul9005@gmail.com
Serves Otsego, Plainwell and Martin School Districts

Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
Contact: Phone: 269 686-6369
Deliveries are made to homebound senior citizens.

Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
Call (269) 673-3139 after 3pm any Thursday and place an order.
Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

Food Truck - 3rd Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm
United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan
269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340

Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org, (269) 455-9452

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

Mobile Food Pantry, 2nd Monday of the Month: Drive Thru Food Distribution
Casco United Methodist Church 880 66th ST, South Haven MI 49090
Pantry items a pre-packaged. Limit - one box per vehicle.

Project Hope
1808 143rd Ave. Dorr
616 681-4673 appt. only

The Vine Food Pantry / Love, INC
Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave, Allegan, MI · (269) 673-2329

Wayland Farners Market
Apr. – Oct. Wed. & Sat.
Downtown Wayland

2025 ALLEGAN COUNTY *Young Homemaker*

As the scent of summer surrounds us, the memories of the Allegan County Fair also fills the air. Excitement and festivities capture everyone's mind through rides, games, and contests. One important contest for all Allegan County female residents ages 18–45 (married, divorced, or single) is the Young Homemaker Contest. This contest is not based on baking, sewing or a house inspection but rather on the value of creating an atmosphere of love and encouragement in your home.

YOUR WRITTEN ENTRY IS DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEGAN, 1290 32ND ST., ALLEGAN

On Monday, September 8, our 2024 Homemaker, Amanda Coors, and her court will ride in the ACF parade on the Young Homemaker float. The 2025 Young Homemaker and her court will be announced during the ACF Ladies Day program on Wednesday, September 10 at 9 AM. They will receive cash prizes and many donated gifts.

You can print off the Young Homemaker application form on the Allegan County Fair website from the premium book. Mail your completed application to Joni Brummel (4063 138th Ave., Hamilton, MI 49419) by Friday, August 16, 2024.

If you have any questions, contact Joni Brummel at 269-760-7087 or Becky Wallace at 269-303-2227

Why You Matter More Than You Think

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

In a world that often feels chaotic and overwhelming, where headlines are filled with division, disaster, and doubt, it's easy to wonder: What difference can one person really make?

The truth? More than you could ever imagine.

We are taught to look up—to celebrities, politicians, tech giants—for answers and action. But real change rarely begins at the top. It begins at the grassroots, in neighborhoods, families, classrooms, and quiet moments. It begins with someone like you.

It's the teacher who stays after hours to help a struggling student believe in themselves. The neighbor who mows an elderly woman's lawn without asking for thanks. The small-town business owner who donates to a food pantry in a tight economy. These acts don't make the news—but they make a difference. A real, lasting one.

History has taught us that ordinary individuals make a difference. I harken back to Abraham Lincoln, who was a failed businessman and lost several elections before being elected to the U.S. Senate. He never gave up and because of his personal fortitude slavery was outlawed.

In modern times a single individual Elon Musk has followed in the footsteps of Henry Ford in changing the automobile industry in the world. But he didn't stop there. His Space X has revolutionized the space industry. All because he had a dream, and wouldn't give up until it became reality.

We underestimate the power of everyday actions because they don't always bring instant results or applause. But the effects are cumulative. Kindness inspires more kindness. Courage strengthens those around us. A single voice can shift a room, a single vote can decide a future, and a single decision to do the right thing—even when no one is watching—can ripple through lives in ways we'll never fully know.

I always here people say their vote won't make a difference, however I can't tell you how many elections have been decided by a single vote. Heck, we have had presidential elections decided by 30,000 votes. We can make a difference by simply getting out of our rocking chair and going to the polls.

You don't have to be perfect to make a difference. You just have to be present. Be willing. Be consistent. Whether you're standing up for someone who's being mistreated, starting a community garden, or simply reaching out to a friend who's hurting, your action matters. Deeply.

And here's the beautiful truth: You don't have to see the end result for it to be worth it. Just like you plant seeds in spring not knowing exactly how the harvest will look, your small, good choices sow something meaningful—something enduring.

The cynics will laugh. They'll say it's too little, too late. But history has always favored the hopeful, the humble, and the brave. Every great movement began with someone saying "This isn't right. I can't fix everything, but I can do something."

So do something.

Speak up. Show up. Reach out. Forgive. Volunteer. Vote. Mentor. Create. Start. Keep going even when it's hard, even when no one claps, even when progress seems slow. Because that's what real leaders do. And make no mistake: leadership is not a title, it's a decision. A decision to care enough to act.

In the end, we don't remember people by the grand words they said, but by how they made us feel. By what they did when it counted. By how they showed up in moments that mattered. Personally I've always said "words don't matter but actions do." In other words don't bullshit me with your eloquent prose, show me by what you accomplish.

And you, yes you, have the same opportunity every single day.

You are not small. You are not invisible. You are not powerless.

You are one. And sometimes, one is all it takes.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The other day I came across some World War Two era song books in the bottom of my accordion case. They were published by what was then called the War Department and widely distributed by the USO to bases at home and abroad. The titles included patriotic songs, Christmas songs and carols, hymns for worship service, and a lot of just plain old fun songs. Beneath them was a book of church camp songs, published in the 1950s.

Music and singing have always been important to our men and women in uniform, dating back to the time of General Washington. Even our shortest war, the Spanish-American War of 1898, rated at least one song: "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." For the Great War, as World War I was formerly called, there were countless songs, and again in World War Two. But after that, it seems like we began losing this old tradition of sing-alongs.

Many military songs became popular with civilians as well, and people sang as they went off to work, or even while they were working.

Meanwhile, there were also protest songs. The 1916 hit, prior to America's entry into WWI, was I Didn't Raise my Son to be a Soldier. The following April, when the US went to war, it was changed to I'm Proud to Raise my Son to Be a Soldier.

There were more protests during the Great Depression of the 1930s, such as Rudy Valee's Brother Can You Spare a Dime? More recently, there were protest songs by individuals and groups during the Viet Nam War.

Most of those songs were one way people could shake their fist at danger and possible death, oppression, and those who were abusing their power. Some of them lifted the spirits of the weary, such as Spike Jones' In Da Fuehrer's Face, or Flanagan and Allen's Run, Rabbit Run during the Blitz in the UK. They poked fun at the Bavarian corporal and his minions. Other protest songs by individuals and groups, put into words and music the feelings of many people. If you are of a certain age, perhaps you sang some of them, and still remember the lyrics.

Harriet Tubman, the famous Conductor on the Underground Railroad, wrote that her work was hard, often very dangerous, and daunting. Yet never, she said, did they quit singing. When she was criticized for singing, she explained it was necessary for the survival of the spirit. More than we may realize, she was right - group singing is necessary for our survival.

If you ever went to almost any summer camp, you will remember that group singing was a regular part of the daily agenda. Let your mind wander, and you may even recall some of the songs and lyrics. I'll bet you remember nonsense songs like Bingo or all twelve verses of Green Grow the Rushes, Ho! Before long your mind will slide back to those summers, and perhaps you'll remember the names, or at least the faces, of some of your fellow campers. Those songs built a sense of community, and now the words and songs take us back to our childhood.

For many years I took my accordion to retirement homes. When I started, many of the residents wanted songs from the 1890s, such as Bicycle Built for Two, the Bowery, and so on. After they passed away, the newer residents wanted old favorites from the First World War, and some wanted Tin Pan Alley songs from the 1920s. Those were fun, and what really put a smile on some faces came when the lyrics were, shall we be polite and say, "suggestive"? For some reason, some of the men seemed to know one verse after another of Mademoiselle from Armentieres. This is a family-friendly paper, so I cannot repeat them.

In time came new requests of songs I called, "The Hits of the Blitz." By the time I put my accordion in its case for the last time, they wanted what one of them called, "new music" - the Beetles song, "Will you still love me when I'm 64." Other times, they wanted Christmas carols from their childhood.

They sang, they tapped their feet or drummed their fingers on the table, they laughed. Sometimes, especially at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Cold Lake, Alberta, there were a lot of tears, as well when the old songs came to mind. Even so, for a few moments they forgot about the challenges they and their friends were facing. All the while, they were stitching together their new community of friendship and mutual support.

I am not suggesting that the one cure for the divisions and animosity in our country is to breakout the summer camp books and start singing together, but it just might help. We can see that in remote places in North America, Newfoundland in particular.

Life there is hard and often dangerous and sometimes residents are isolated because of distance or blizzards. There is still tremendous anger about Residents of the Rock being forced to join with Canada in 1949, and some of the separatists refer to their province as the Republic of Newfoundland. Outside of industrial strength drinking, there is not much to do during the winter except for one thing. In every little hamlet people get together for Kitchen Parties.

The word-of-mouth invitations are sent out, and everyone knows that everyone is welcome. The host or hostess prepares part of the meal; everyone brings a dish to pass. Musicians bring a concertina accordion or penny whistle, a fiddle, or Irish pipes. Usually there is a bottle or more often a quart Ball or Mason jar of "Newfie Screech" which is 100% alcohol. That's when the party really gets going. People start singing, and after a while someone will get up to get something to eat while the others continue singing. People get up to dance together.

It goes on for a few hours until one of the Olds has decided the time has come to go home. He or she will stand up, go from person to person to sing a blessing and a few words of gratitude over them, as they go around the circle to connect with everyone. The party is over for another night, and they go home after spending hours with friends and neighbors.

If politics or some hot button topic came up, it's usually forgotten by morning. Newfie Screech is good for that sort of thing. A cohesive community is far more important. It is based on singing. Friendships and neighbors are far more important, often based on singing together.

It seems to me that is exactly what we could use in our country - informal community singing where close four-part harmony is not nearly as important as smiles and laughter. Sadly, as with so many other things, especially since the Great Shutdown a few years ago, instead of singing and making our own music, and getting together with others, it has become far too easy to watch it on the internet.

We truly need the connection, the human touch, to keep together.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Due Process and the Save Act"

Dear Editor:

There are so many conspiracy theories and information that is untrue that citizens need to see true facts. There are politicians who do not have the welfare of American citizens as a goal. Honoring their political party takes precedence over representing their constituents.

Due process is in jeopardy at the present time. Without due process there is no free market because property can be taken away without justification or explanation.

Without due process there is no civil liberties because a person's freedom can be taken away for any reason or none at all. Totally authoritarian behavior!

Without due process using a wartime statute during peacetime to declare certain people to be dangerous gang members (brown skinned) without evidence, then imprison them without charges constitute a breech of the constitution.

Very authoritarian!

Without due process and denying the authority of courts and defying court orders as the law is written shows distain for our judicial system. All of due process issues or lack of giving due process describes despotism. The definition of despotism is the execution of absolute power in a cruel and oppressive way.

The Bloomberg Report shows some disturbing aspects of todays government. Fact one is that 90% of those deported were called terrorist with no due process and had no criminal record. The Venezuelan gang targeted used a gang tattoo which was not true. The government was in error, and admitted the mistake. This did not stop the government from illegal deportation.

Fact two Trump said home grown people are next to be deported. The U.S. has an obligation to house any incarcerated felon, not ship them off to who knows where. U.S. prisons attempt to rehabilitate convicted felons using humane tactics.

The Republican "Save Act" is designed to disenfranchise millions of voters, the majority being people of color and women. One provision would be for voters to possess a passport. There are 146 million voters who do not possess a passport. The bill would make it more difficult for tens of millions of spouses who have changed their names through marriage to vote. Republicans do not want women to vote in large numbers because women turn out to vote at a higher rate than men.

The bill wants to require in person registration that would force 60 million rural voters to travel far from their homes to become eligible to vote.

The "Save Act" is getting closer to the outdated poll tax in order to cast a ballot and vote. The lies politicians use to defend the "Save Act" need to be called out. The "Save Act" would do nothing more than legalize voter suppression.

The news today: Trump fired Erika McEntarfer, head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, because she was doing her job. Information from the Bureau showed the lowest job at (73,000) since the Pandemic. Trump denied the jobs report and said the economy was booming. Who do you believe the Bureau of Labor Statistics or the statistics denier?

Wall Street fell the most since May after employers slashed hiring after the Tariff Roll Out. The Dow Jones dropped 542 points, and the S&P 500 lost all of the post-election gains. Trump indicated that the Wall Street numbers were fake. Have we heard that before?

Due process and attempts at voter suppression are just a couple of issues facing our country. Every person who loves our country needs to pay attention to what is occurring daily and speak up. It's not too late!

Mark Austin
Hopkins

Trump caught up in his own lies

Dear Editor:

I think one of the many things Trump never thought of was that if you spin enough conspiracy theories (Obama wasn't born here, the last election was stolen, government employees are lazy and corrupt, a pizza place is the a cover for pedophilia, and the beat goes on ad infinitum)eventually you may get caught up in one yourself.

Such is the case with the "Epstein Files".

Here was a very wealthy man with no visible means of how he acquired such wealth other than through the trafficking of under age girls for sex.

Trump had no problem implicating by association many well known personages for his own gain and in one of his many campaign promises promised to bring it all to light for all of us to savor.... until it was revealed that he was a prominently mentioned in the mysterious files and it was then that it suddenly became a non issue. Nothing to see here folks.

And, maybe that's true.

But is it really so hard to imagine that someone who treats women as objects like he does WOULDN'T be in the files?

Who grabs women "you know where" just because he can?

Who launched an affair with the "Playmate of the Year" within weeks after his wife gave birth to his youngest child?

Who, in trying to extricate himself from the scandal said that he broke with Epstein not because he trafficked young girls for sex which is icky, immoral and illegal but because he "stole" some of his female employees as if they were his property and weren't free to leave for another employer?

That's the guy who wants us to believe that there's no reason for all of us to wonder what exactly is in "the file"?

Like they say: Who are you gonna believe? Him or your lying eyes?

David Ohmart

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Letters to the Editor

"Out Loud" group interfered with our program

Dear Editor:

I was with the group at Mahan Park that meets weekly for music programs July and August. The program at the Riverfront should have ended by 6 p.m., when the Gazebo performers are then setting up and practicing for their 7-9 pm program. However, the "Out Loud" group kept up their extremely loud music and comments until 9 pm! This interfered greatly with the Mahan Park program. This overlapping of programs should not have been allowed! City officials should see to it that this unfair conduct never happens again!

Betty Orweller

Reversal of Roe a defeat for religious freedom

Dear Editor:

I read a Letter to the Editor in the July 17, 2025, issue titled "Was the reversal of Roe a pyrrhic victory." The author wrote that the Supreme Court case of Roe v Wade (1973) was a misinterpretation of the law. He wrote that the right to abort and "kill" the unborn was discovered by the Roe court in the Constitution. This legal error was corrected by the "great" Sam Alito in the case of Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022). The author noted that "THE SCIENCE" is set, i.e., human life begins at conception, and any abortion is the taking of that life. Sadly, more than half of all abortions, he says, are now the result of pills. The One Big Beautiful Bill ("OBBB") removed funding for Planned Parenthood. Pointing to abortion, the author noted that there is a "culture of death" in our country. Right to Life is a worthy cause, and the author asked readers to donate to it.

Some would say that we all have a right to our own opinion. The facts, however, are the facts.

According to the Declaration of Independence, we have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are inalienable rights.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution protects the right to practice any religion without government interference.

There are supposedly over 200 Christian denominations in the United States. The Roman Catholic Church is one. There is a prelature (e.g. collective body) in this church known as Opus Dei. Its mission is to help ordinary folks focus on holiness and the evangelization of everyone to Roman Catholicism. Reportedly, the "great" Justice Alito is a member, as is Justice Thomas, Justice Roberts, Justice Gorsuch, Justice Kavanaugh, Justice Coney Barrett, Federalist Society's Leonard Leo, and Vice President Vance.

Justice Alito wrote in Dobbs that the right to an abortion was not written into the US Constitution. Of note, the prohibition of abortion is not written in the Bible, which predates our Constitution.

Some point to Exodus 20:13, where it states you shall not murder and those folks further believe that human life begins at conception. Judaism refers one to Genesis 2:7, where it says God breathed into man and then man became a living being. To my knowledge, Jesus, a Jewish rabbi, did not disagree with this teaching. Jesus did not mention it when pointing out how nations would be judged in Matthew 25:31-46. No mention of abortion.

What is deeply rooted in our country is the idea of religious liberty - freedom of religion. Religions have their own agendas, and pity the poor person who stands in the way of their goals. Opus Dei has been on the march for decades. In its mission to prohibit all abortions, it even made a deal with a pedophile president.

Fr. Harry T. Cook, formerly of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Clawson, MI, wrote in 1990 that the issue of abortion is ultimately an issue of privacy. Different religions see the issue differently. Judaism believes personhood starts at birth with the first breath. taken. It celebrates birthdays. Many Christians, as does Justice Alito, believe that human life starts at conception. Reincarnation has its roots deeply embedded in the soil of all religions, and such folks would argue that life pre-exists conception. Notably, Jesus stated positively that John the Baptist was in fact Elijah from a prior life. See Matthew 11:14 and 17:12-13.

Fr. Harry T. Cook wrote:

"The anti-abortion forces do not by any means have the full or even the majority of biblical theology on their side. That is not often said, but it is true. For example, Exodus 21:22 - part of the Torah - states: 'If, when men come to blows, they hurt a woman who is pregnant and she suffers a miscarriage, though she does not die of it, the man responsible must pay the compensation demanded of him.' According to this law, only if the woman dies, shall the man responsible be put to death. Abortion by itself, then, is not murder."

Fr. Cook further wrote:

"The clear implication here is that fetal life is considered part of the woman's body until it emerges as an infant from her birth canal. Then he or she is a life headed toward personhood and protected under the law."

The "pyrrhic victory" author wrote that THE SCIENCE is set, i.e., human life begins at conception. It's really set? When a sperm and egg fuse, a new cell called a zygote is formed. Because the zygote has a complete and unique set of DNA, this cell is now a "human being?" This is Opus Dei thinking..

Justice Thomas, in his concurring Dobbs opinion, wrote that the current court should reconsider past rulings related to conception. He mentioned the case of Griswold v. Connecticut. Reportedly, in these Opus Dei circles, tampering with the male seed is tantamount to murder. A common admonition goes or went - "so many conceptions prevented, so many homicides."

There is a Brain Life Theory that posits that once there is the presence of an active brain, you can make the conclusion that human life exists. This, too, is SCIENCE.

I think that there must be something to the notion that there is a "culture of death" in our country. The sacredness of life seems to end at birth. Folks who support a pedophile president, laud the removal of funding for Planned Parenthood, which does a great deal more than provide abortions. The OBBB cut the SNAP program (e.g., food for poorer children), cut healthcare (e.g., Medicaid), added funding for gun silencers, etc. In addition, education funding is ending. And where is the concern over pedophilia? Once a child is born, hope that the child is not preyed upon at a church, a private island, a resort, Boy Scouts, Mar-a-Lago, etc.

In most present-day Bibles, there is an Old and New Testament. Reportedly, Jehovah spoke to Hosea, and he then spoke to Israel. In Hosea 13:16, it was said that: "Samaria ... shall fall by the sword, their little ones shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women ripped open." Maybe the "great" Justice Alito can square this one. It looks to me like precedent for infanticide and/or abortion.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children ("NCMEC") is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. Consider donating to this organization.

In addition, RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. It created and operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline. The acronym stands for Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. Its phone number is 800/656-HOPE. 87 cents of each dollar donated goes to survivors.

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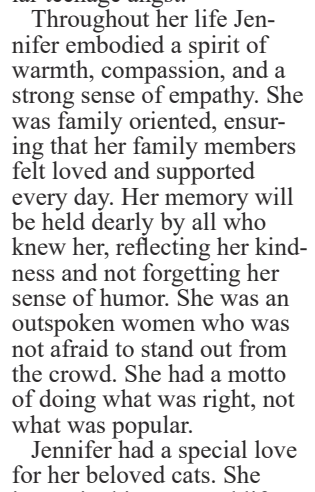
Obituary

Jennifer Mary Durbin Whittaker, 65



Jennifer Mary Durbin Whittaker

Jennifer Mary Durbin Whittaker of Plainwell, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2025, at the age of 65. She was born on January 24th, 1960, in White Plains, NY. She was the daughter of Jack and Ruth (Lawrence) Durbin. She was a devoted mother, wife, and daughter.

She spent her early years growing up on Long Island, NY with her parents and younger brother Peter. Jennifer had a interest in the beach at a young age taking swimming lessons in the Atlantic Ocean. The family would then relocate to Dearborn Michigan in 1969.

At Dearborn High School, Jennifer was a member of the swim team. She was also actively involved in Christ Episcopal Church. While in high school, she took joy in her first job waitressing at Big Boy.

Jennifer graduated from Dearborn High School with the class of 1978, ready to take on an adventure at Western Michigan University. While earning her bachelor's degree majoring in Social Work, her minor was political science. She successfully completed an internship working for a politician as a summer job. After graduation, she was the manager of a group home successfully advocating for equality for people with disabilities. She was also a passionate advocate for people of all minority groups.

While studying at Western Michigan University, she met her husband Theodore Whittaker on a blind date. There was an instant spark between them. They had a lot in common, including the same birthday one year apart.

After Jennifer gave birth to her daughter Kelsey, she dedicated her life to being a stay-at-home mom. Jennifers family was her world. She loved going on vacations to the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. She was an avid collector of seashells and rocks. At any beach, she would collect enough seashells to fill her backpack. She would also take the family on rock hunting adventures and hikes through the Great Smokey Mountains, The Upper Peninsula, and Arizona. She enjoyed trips to Cedar Point by finding enjoyment in riding the Mean Streak repeatedly. She loved camping adventures and was an enthusiastic photographer capturing all of the scenery.

She is described by friends and family as loving her daughter's friends as her own. Her home was always a cozy place with a fridge full of food. Her heart was always welcoming and ears were always a safe listening space to any of her daughters friends having any emotional issue whether it be a boy, teen pregnancy, or just regular teenage angst.

Throughout her life Jennifer embodied a spirit of warmth, compassion, and a strong sense of empathy. She was family oriented, ensuring that her family members felt loved and supported every day. Her memory will be held dearly by all who knew her, reflecting her kindness and not forgetting her sense of humor. She was an outspoken women who was not afraid to stand out from the crowd. She had a motto of doing what was right, not what was popular.

Jennifer had a special love for her beloved cats. She is reunited into eternal life with her cat Tuesday who she shared multiple snuggles and joy with over the years. She leaves behind her cat Majesty who she also loved dearly.

Jennifer is proceeded in death by her father: Jack Durbin. Mother and father-in-law: Homer Whittaker and Patricia Whittaker.

She is survived by her husband Ted; daughter Kelsey Whittaker, of Plainwell; mother: Ruth Durbin of Dearborn MI. Brother: Peter (Brenda) Durbin of Cummings GA. Sister-in-law Candy (John) Spears of Plainwell MI. Nieces: Crystal and Tiffany Durin of Cummings GA. Nephew: John (Sarah) Durbin of Graham North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 1:00pm at Friendship Wesleyan Church, 1285 102nd Ave, Plainwell MI 49080.

While at www.amsfuneralhomes.com please take time to sign Jennifers guestbook and/or share your favorite memory with her family.

The Whittaker family is being cared for by the Avink, McCowen & Secord Funeral Home and Cremation Society, 120 South Woodhams, Plainwell, MI 49080. 269-685-5881

LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by GordenFuneral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

Often Leaders of Support Groups will repetitively go over the same material to benefit the individuals who attend. Why? Well, repetition is key.... In order for a habit to be formed, or a thought to be put into action, one must repeat exposure over a variable of times. Self Care Plan's should be reassessed based on an individual's needs. Once again, a Self Care plan is a course of action to help one develop a motion forward in handling their Grief in a positive way. The plan should consist in engaging a variety of needs such as, Spiritual, Physical, Social, and Emotional. Example, for a season you may always need company or some sort of an emotional support. But then, you'd rather be left alone or go for a walk in the woods. Being or having a desire to be alone, is not to be mistaken for Self Isolation. Everyone should find a time where they rekindle a relationship with the three amigos. Me, Myself, and I. Alone time and Self Isolation are two separate things. Being alone or going solo doesn't have to be negative, and it can be productive. Self Isolation is where one pulls away from everyone and everything. Often, this results in toxic behavior. But, running solo you are able to set your own pace, and that can aid in fulfilling set goals, especially since you are not tied to another's restraint or schedule. And that is always a plus while you're, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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Show Us Your Talent looking for Allegan County performers

By Gari Voss

As the Allegan County Fair approaches the opening date of September 5, 2025, reminders are being sent regarding entries.
A Fair favorite is "Show Us Your Talent" where performers take the stage in the Community Area Building, aka Youth Building, and demonstrate their skills to entertain.

Show Us Your Talent applications are due on Monday, August 18, 2025, by 5pm when the Fair office closes. Applications can be located at https://bit.ly/44KVw6D. By participating, contestants agree to be bound by rules and guidelines.

The competition is open to all ages, but there are some special stipulations. Contestants 17 and younger must have a parent or legal guardian's signature along with the contestant's signature on the application. Those 16 and under must have a parent or legal guardian in attendance during all elimination rounds and finals. No contestant can be under contract with a talent agent or record label or have any professional experience.

Winners of the 2024 Allegan County Fair's Show Us Your Talent, Cindy Hayes, Aleyca Morey, and Andy Beeson, can share the experience of taking the stage and performing for family, friends and unknown audience members. It can be grueling and exhilarating, while rewarding.

The judges are looking for high quality performers – individuals or groups. Inappropriate lyrics or clothing can lead to being disqualified. Acts cannot bring harm to the performer. In short, performances must be G Rated.

Each competitor must be able to clear their calendar for the competition schedule because if a contestant moves on to the next round, they must be on time or be disqualified:

Round 1: Sat., Sept. 6 & Sun., Sept. 7, 2pm

Semi-Finals: Thurs., Sept. 11, 6pm

Final Round: Fri., Sept. 12, 6pm

Prizes for the top three performers include:

First Place: $500
Second Place: $250
Third Place: $100

Applications must be completed and arrive at the Allegan County Fair office by August 18, 2025, at 5pm – no exceptions. Deliver in person, scan and submit the entry form to acfair@allegancountyfair.com, fax to 269-673-2522, or send to:

Allegan County Fair
Allegan County Fair Show Us Your Talent Contest
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Allegan, MI 49010

For additional information, contact Colleen at (616) 218-8170. All contestants give the Allegan County Fair unrestricted authorization to use their name, photo, voice recordings, video recordings, entry materials or likeness in promotional materials without further compensation.

Salem crash sends three to hospital

On 8-2-2025 at 9:30 pm Allegan County Central Dispatch received several 911 calls reporting a serious crash at the intersection of 30th St and 136th Ave in Salem Township. Units from Salem Fire Department and the Allegan County Sheriff's Office arrived and provided treatment to the involved parties.

Preliminary investigation shows a pickup was west bound on 136th Ave and failed to stop for the stop sign colliding with a sedan that was south bound on 30th St. The sedan was occupied by one person, while the pickup was occupied by a driver and passenger. All three parties were injured and transported to local area hospitals for treatment. Speed and alcohol both appear to be factors in the crash.

The names of the involved parties are being withheld at this time while this case remains under investigation.

Fennville resident's body found in lake

The body of 63-year-old Kerry Lee Brunk of Fennville was discovered in Lake Cadillac, just one day after his disappearance from the Wexford County Courthouse under uncertain circumstances.

Brunk went missing last Thursday afternoon without his cellphone, raising immediate concerns regarding his whereabouts and well-being, with the Wexford County Sheriff's Office leading the investigation.

Brunk, whose health may have been compromised by Parkinson's or dementia, was reported missing after he left the courthouse; the search for him commenced on the night of July 31 and carried on into the next day; the details about why Brunk was at the courthouse at the time of his disappearance remain as yet unclear; and the cause of his death has not been disclosed.

Allegan County Sheriff's Office

Public Notice of Intent to Dispose of Firearms

The following is a list of firearms in evidence at the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, 640 River St., Allegan, MI 49010. If no valid ownership claim is received within thirty (30) days of the date of public notice, the firearms listed will be disposed of. Please Note: these firearms are not for sale.

If you have a valid claim to any of these firearms and are authorized to possess firearms, contact Lt. Mike Brown on how to get the firearm returned to you.

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15114-20	Walther	Mod CCP pistol	9mm	WK121927
12038-20	Hi-Point	Mod CF380 pistol	.380	P8068978
7383-19	Taurus	Mod G2 pistol	9mm	TKS29467
12703-19	Colt	Mod Automatic pistol	.25	43915
12703-19	Kahr	Mod CM40 pistol	.40	JN0593
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5663-20	Heritage	Mod Rough Rider revolver	22lr	HZ61147
6765-20	Taurus	Mod G2C pistol	9mm	TMS69742
13878-20	Taurus	Mod G3 pistol	9mm	AAL070734
4706-20	SCCY	Mod CPX-1 pistol	9mm	708029
6522-20	Taurus	Mod 605 revolver	.357	MT87400
20190-21	Taurus	Mod G2c pistol	9mm	ACC725158
22215-21	S&W	Mod 64-8 revolver	.38spl	CXB6227
19305-21	Replica	Mod Black Powder Revolver	.44	209290
5914-12	Hawes Firearms	Mod 169 revolver	22lr	462002
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8846-21	CZ-USA	Mod P-10s pistol	9mm	UC02746
12996-21	Sig Sauer	Mod P320 pistol	9mm	58J041463
19121-21	S&W	Mod SD9VE pistol	9mm	FBV4718
10999-25	Cimarron	Revolver	.22lr	U68374
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Obituary

Pamela Dee Hopkins, 83

Pamela Dee Hopkins

Pamela Dee (Lambert) Hopkins, age 83, passed away peacefully at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Byron Center, Michigan, under the compassionate care of Faith Hospice. A courageous cancer warrior, Pam faced her illness with grace and strength, fighting with all her heart until the very end. She was at peace with God and ready to go to her forever home, where she longed to be reunited with the love of her life, Chuck Hopkins.

Born in Louisville, KY on January 5, 1942, she spent most of her adult life as a longtime resident of Allegan, Michigan. She was the beloved wife of the late Chuck Hopkins, with whom she shared 52 loving years. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, family, and enduring love.

Pam is survived by her devoted daughter Deb (Kevin) O'Leary and son Jeff (Angel) Hopkins. She was a cherished grandmother to Ryan O'Leary, Kara (CJ) Wyman, Alyssa (Keith) Southwick, Bridgett Hopkins, Laney Cole, and Harper Hopkins. Her legacy lives on through her great-grandchildren: Miah Abnett, Sloan Wyman, Connor O'Leary, Liam Wyman, Arlo Southwick, and Leo Southwick. Her beloved cat, Mittens, was her constant companion and a source of comfort throughout her journey.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chuck, her parents Norman Meridian and Lorena Bell Lambert, and her daughter-in-law Lisa Hopkins.

Pam is also survived by her loving sisters Gwen (Bob) Dennis and Sheri (Chris) Callahan of FL; sister-in-law Cleo Hopkins of KY; brother-in-law Chris Thomas of NV; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will always remember her warmth, creativity, and deep devotion to her family.

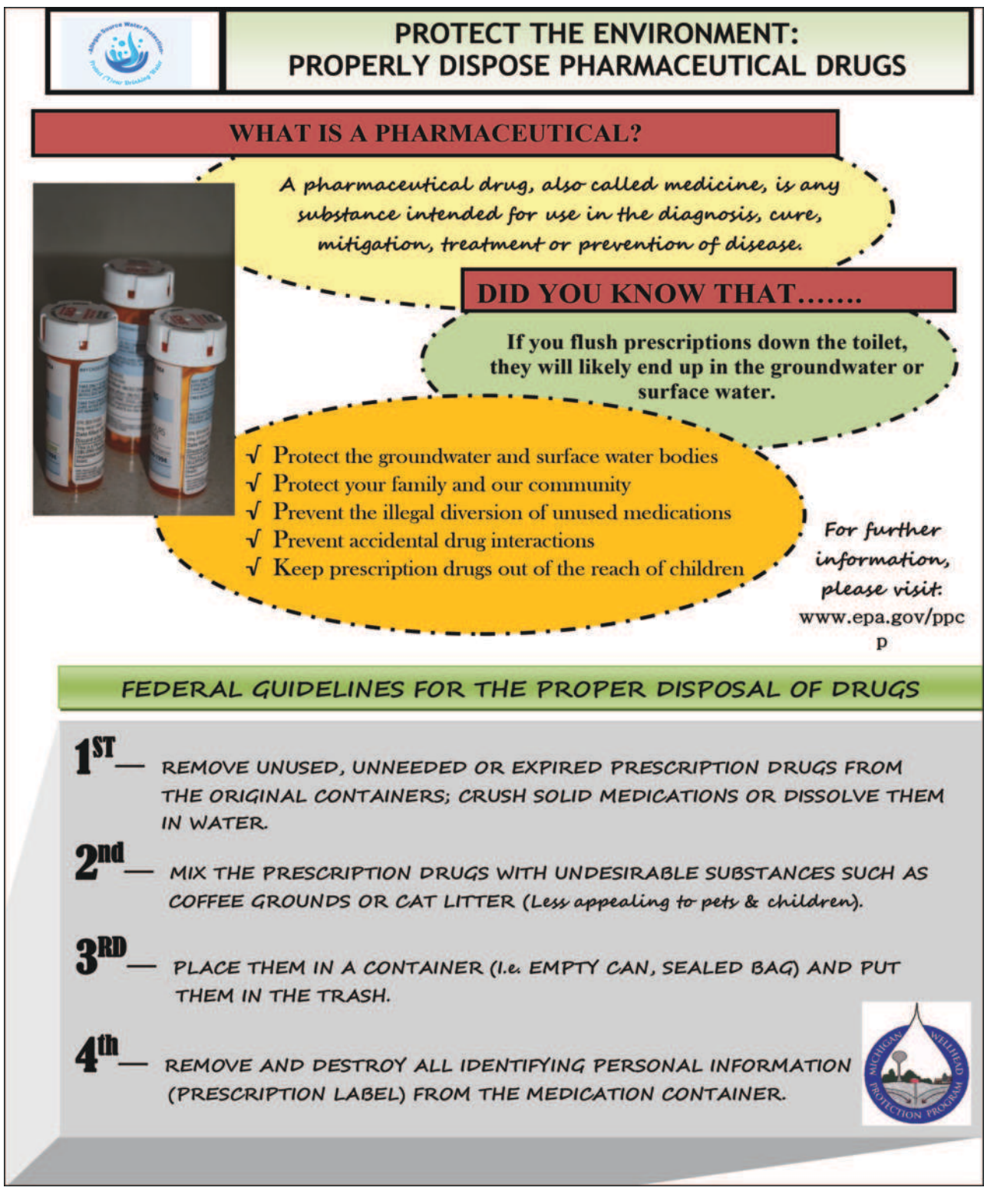
A retiree of Plainwell Public Schools, Pam touched many lives with her dedication and care. She was a faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Allegan, where she found strength and joy in her faith community.

Pam found happiness in simple pleasures—shopping, gardening, reading, crafting, and, most of all, spending time with those she loved. Her gentle spirit and nurturing heart made every moment in her presence feel like home.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Allegan, followed by an Ice Cream Social at the church—a sweet tribute to a truly sweet soul. Cremation has taken place, and interment will occur at a later date.

Pam will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love she gave, the beauty she created, and the family she nurtured.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice of Byron Center or Immanuel Lutheran Church of Allegan.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Lake Allegan Carnival Kayak Run open to all

By Sharon Torregrosa & Gari Voss

The 2025 Lake Allegan Carnival Kayak Run will once again take place on beautiful Lake Allegan. This non-competitive family friendly event involves kayakers paddling from one station to another, while also participating in a variety of carnival games at each station. A non-alcoholic beverage and a snack will be provided at each station. Tickets will be awarded, and a prize drawing will be held at the end of the event.

The event runs from Noon until approximately 4pm on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Participants will check in at Luis' Landing located at 1961 Grandview Avenue, Allegan, MI. Kayak drop offs at Luis' Landing can begin as early as 11:00 a.m., but stations will not be open until noon. Limited parking is available. Once launched, kayakers should proceed to the nearest station to begin the run.

At each station, the kayakers will disembark from their kayaks and participate in a carnival game such as Roller Bowler, Nerf© shooting gallery, maze ball, or a brain teaser puzzle. The games are designed to test the kayakers' skills and add an element of fun to the event. Tickets for the prize drawings will be awarded for each game and collected at the end of the event.

After completing each station, the kayakers climb back into their kayaks and paddle on to the next station. This event is for kayakers of all ages. It's a chance to enjoy the lake, socialize with your neighbors, and win prizes!

After completing the stations, return to Luis' Landing for the awarding of prizes and socializing. Tickets will be collected and drawn randomly. Only one prize per participant.

The Lake Allegan Association Carnival Kayak Run is a one-of-a-kind event that combines kayaking, carnival games and beautiful scenery to create an unforgettable experience for all. The Lake Allegan crew hopes to see kayakers of all ages participate.

Pre-registration will be required as the event will be limited to 50 participants. Wristbands will be $5.00 and are available at https://www.lakeallegan.org/kayak-run.

For questions, or more information, please contact Sharon at storregro@gmail.com.

Fennville celebrates opening of Paradise Park upgrades

Fennville held a ribbon cutting Saturday to open a new recreational facility and thank the community for its support along the way.

The festivities center around upgrades to **Paradise Park**. It's the only one in Fennville, and as of a few years ago, the basketball and tennis courts were run down and unusable.

A recreation millage passed by Fennville voters brought in over $2 million worth of repairs to the park.

The park includes new tennis, basketball and pickleball courts, as well as other upgrades,

Since the pickleball courts have been finished, hundreds of local players have been taking advantage. So much so, they got a few national pros to come out as a part of the celebration.

More improvements are on the way for Fennville. They're in the midst of construction on an amphitheater, splash pad and upgraded parking in the downtown area.

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The Allegan County Treasurer will offer tax- reverted real estate at public auction online at **www.tax-sale.info**.

The first auction will be held on **August 27th, 2025 from 10:00am to 7:00pm EDT**. Bids can also be placed up to 30 days in advance on the website. Assistance is available for those without computer or internet access.

Incomplete or voided sales from the August 27th, 2025 auction, if any, will be re-offered on September 26th, 2025 from 10:00am to 7:00pm EDT.

Unsold tax reverted real estate from either of the previous auctions, if any, will be re- offered on October 31st, 2025 in a sealed- bid auction. All bids must be placed by 7:00 pm EDT for this final sealed-bid auction. Answers to common questions about the auction process and additional information can be found at **www.tax-sale.info/faq** For more information and to view a list of the properties being offered, please visit **www.tax-sale.info** or call 1-800-259-7470. Auction listings may also be available at the County Treasurer's office.

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Michigan Fiber Festival features workshops, demonstrations and competition

By Gari Voss

The Michigan Fiber Festival returns to the Allegan County Fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, August 13, 2025, with two days of fiber arts workshops before the general public arrives. Friday opens to the general public who can shop at the fiber vendors and watch demonstrations, while workshops continue. Saturday offers animal and fleece shows in addition to workshops. Sunday highlights the Costume Class and Parade along with the kids' obstacle course, while shopping and workshops come to a close.

The key is to not postpone going to https://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/ and checking the schedule of Workshops. These are offered from Wednesday through Sunday. Some are full day workshops while others are half-day. There are even mini workshops and some opportunities for children. For those who work during the day, evening opportunities have been scheduled.

On Friday, when the gates open to the public who have not registered for workshops, the shopping begins in earnest. The beautifully textured yarns and fabrics can be found around every corner. There is a timetable for demonstrations while some are ongoing.

The competitions on Saturday and Sunday feature the magnificent animals, small and large, that furnish the fiber that is twisted into yarns and create wonderful clothing or craft items. The crowd pleasurer is the Costume Competition and Parade on Sunday at 11:30am.

Food vendors are available throughout the Festival. On Friday and Saturday, the Allegan County Historical Society will open the John Pahn Historic Village.

The Festival committee encourages everyone to visit the local supporters - Baker Allegan Studios & Old Mill Yarn and The Bear & Fox Yarn Den in Downtown Allegan.

Contact staff@michiganfiberfestival.info with any questions.

August 13 - 17, 2025

Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm

The MFF board, committee members and staff work hard year-round to create this lively celebration of the fiber arts and fiber animals which happens the third full weekend of every August at the Allegan County Fairgrounds!

The festival begins on Wednesday & Thursday with a wide variety of fiber arts workshops, which continue through Sunday. It's a perfect opportunity for hands on learning of knitting, weaving, spinning, felting, dyeing and so much more! Pre-registration is best for these workshops, though you may register at festival if there are openings.

Friday adds shopping with over 100 fiber vendors and direct from the farm booths. Folks who want the best selection and the best deals know to arrive at 10am! Fiber arts demonstrations begin on Friday, look for them in the Expo building. Also available are drop in mini-workshops hosted by some of our vendors. Keep yourself going with a meal or snack from one of our food vendors.

Saturday and Sunday are non-stop action all over the fairgrounds:

*workshops *mini-workshops *shopping *fiber arts demonstrations

*shearing demonstrations * rabbit demonstrations *rabbit fleece/skein/garment competition

*skein competition *wool fleece competition *angora goat (mohair) fleece competition

*Pygora fleece competition *angora goat, angora rabbit, pygora goat & sheep shows

*special "kid" events including a sheep skill-a-thon, a costume parade & obstacle course

Come join us in celebrating the rich fiber culture of Michigan!

Complete Schedule of Events

FESTIVAL ADMISSION FEES:

$5 per person for a day or $12 per person for a weekend pass (Fri, Sat & Sun)

Kids 14 and under are free!

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Visiting the Michigan Fiber Festival

- Festival Dates: August 13-17, 2025
- Full Festival schedule including competitions, demonstrations, animals and more Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm
- Vendors open for shopping Friday & Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm
- Fiber arts demonstrations Friday-Sunday
- Workshops Wednesday through Sunday
  - o Preregistration on our website is preferred. Closes Monday, August 10 @11:59pm.
  - o Tuesday-Sunday register in person at the fairgrounds or call 269.948.2497.
  - o Half day workshops 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm.
  - o Full day workshops 9 am to 4 pm with a lunch hour.
  - o Evening workshops (Wed-Fri) 6-9pm.
- Food vendors and camping are available on the Fairgrounds!

Festival Admission Fees

CHILDREN 14 AND UNDER ARE FREE

- One Day pass for Friday, Saturday or Sunday: $5.00
- Weekend Pass for all 3 days: $10.00

Friday and Saturday workshop participants will receive passes if they have classes that day. All animal show exhibitors, weekend campers, vendors, and volunteers will be issued passes.

County man arrested on child porn charges

An Allegan County man is facing several felony charges after investigators found hundreds of videos and photos of child pornography on his phone, some including photoshopped faces of children known to him.

Edward Southwick, 68, was charged with multiple counts relating to the child sexually abusive material.

He's charged with two counts of aggravated child sexually abusive activity (CSAA), one count of aggravated possession of child sexually abusive material (CSAM), two counts of using a computer to commit a crime punishable by 20 years or more or life in prison, two counts of using a computer to commit a crime punishable by 10-20 years in prison, and one count of second degree child abuse.

According to court documents, the Allegan County Sheriff's Office got a complaint from a mother, who said her two minor daughters had just returned from Southwick's home. Authorities said Southwick was known to the mother and her children.

Edward Southwick
Credit: Allegan County Jail

Both girls stated they were told by Southwick to change into their bathing suits to go swimming. When one of the girls was changing in the bathroom, court documents say she saw his cellphone propped up in some clothes with the camera pointing out.

She told her sister, who went into the bathroom to look at the phone. When the second girl picked up the phone, she noticed it was recording and had been for nearly three and a half minutes. They left the phone in the bathroom.

While going to a relative's house to go swimming, the girls saw Southwick with the phone.

After the mother spoke to the responding deputy, the court docs say a search warrant was issued to seize Southwick's mobile devices.

Another search warrant was issued to examine the contents of his red iPhone, which was described by the girls.

The document goes on to say they found at least 21 images that were considered CSAM. Two of the photos showed a man, believed to be Southwick, holding his genitalia while looking at the screen of another mobile device. The court doc says shown on the other screen was a prepubescent girl wearing lingerie. She was not wearing undergarments, and her body was exposed.

The document says the original face of the CSAM image was replaced with the face of a minor known to Southwick, as identified by her parents. Multiple other photos showing child pornography, with more minors known to Southwick cropped onto them, were also found on his phone.

The court document says that later search warrants for the contents of other devices in Southwick's home revealed hundreds of additional CSAM images/videos and images/videos 'similar to those described above.'

DORR TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Ordinance No. 05-25O

Regular meeting of the Township Board for Dorr Township held at the Township on July24th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., a motion was made to adopt this Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND PREMISES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Section 1. Adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code.

Section 2. That the following sections of the Fire Code are hereby revised:

Section 3. The geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2021 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows:

Section 4. Severability.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance (and hence, the Fire Code) shall be effective upon the expiration of 30 days after a summary of this Ordinance appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

YEAS: Miling, Sewers, Perry, Tuinstra, Champion, Stanton, Weber.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None.
ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted.
Debbie Sewers, Dorr Township Clerk

LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC MEETING DATE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025 AT 7:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Leighton Township will hold public hearings regarding the following requests during their regular meeting on Thursday, August 28th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Leighton Township Hall located at 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348.

Public Hearings will be held and final action may be taken regarding the following applications:

1. A request from Scott and Kristie Baker, property owners of 508 N Lake Drive, also known as permanent parcel 03-13-130-074-01, for relief from Section 7B.05(d)(2) to permit construction of a covered patio system in a required rear yard within the LR Lake Residential District.
2. Any other business that comes before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

This meeting and the public hearings are intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of Steve Shoemaker, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, care of Leighton Township, 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, MI 49348 or by calling the Leighton Township Office at 616-891-8238.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

STEVE SHOEMAKER, CHAIRMAN
LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
616-891-8238

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR SEYMOUR DRIVE ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; and WEST SELKIRK DRIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, owners of land within the special assessment districts and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Wayland Township will hold public hearings on the special assessment district rolls for the special assessment districts identified herein, all of which were created under PA 188 of 1953 for the assessing of costs against the benefitted parcels within each special assessment district

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with the laws and statutes of the State of Michigan, the Township Board will hold a public hearing at the Township Hall, 1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, MI 49311 within the Township, on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 commencing at 6:30 p.m. to consider the proposed special assessment rolls prepared by the Township Supervisor and assessing officer for the following Special Assessments:

Seymour Drive Road Special Assessment District described as those parcels with frontage on Seymour Drive within the Township --$100 per parcel; and
West Selkirk Lake Drive Road Special Assessment District described as those parcels with frontage on West Selkirk Lake Drive within the Township ---$100 per parcel; and

These amounts are unchanged from the prior years' special assessment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the aforesaid public hearing, the Township Board will review the special assessment rolls and any comments or objections thereto which may be made or filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said public hearing, and will consider any revisions, amendments or changes to said proposed special assessment roll and the amount to be levied against the benefited benefitted parcels.

Appearance and protest at this public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the proposed special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest or his or her agent may appear in person at this hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance to protest by letter received at or before the public hearing. If such letter of protest is filed, the personal appearance of the person protesting will not then be required to appear at the hearing.

An owner or party in interest in the property being assessed, who has appeared at the aforesaid hearing in the manner hereinbefore indicated, may file a written appeal of this/her assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within a maximum or 30 days after the confirmation of the aforesaid special assessment roll by the Township Board.

Following the approval and confirmation of the proposed special assessment rolls, such special assessment will be collected in the same manner as property taxes are collected.

The Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxillary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon reasonable notice to the undersigned of the need for the same at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

All interested parties are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing, or to protest the proposed special assessment roll for the special assessment district in which their property is located.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Last week the Allegan County Fair Book came out, listing the entertainment, activities, livestock judging, and more. The question of the week: Are you going to the fair this year?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "I know! I just picked up a couple of copies. I got two because I always lose one. Yes! Yes, me and my family are going at least once!"

-Woman, same location, over-hearing our conversation: "Not me and my husband. It's too expensive. We've gone in the past, and it cost more than we could afford. It's kind of too bad, but….."

-Couple near the Blue Goose in Fennville: Man: "Yup. We always do. We get a weeklong pass to get in, and go almost every evening." Woman: "And we always stop by the Episcopal church's food stand on the way back to the car for pie and ice cream." Man added: "That way we walk off the calories. We walk past where the RVs are parked 'cause we know some of the people and like to say 'hi'."

-Man near the Allegan library: "Definitely. I've been going since I was a boy. I haven't ever heard of any of this year's grandstand performers."

-Man, same location: "I like to see the harness racing. Those horses are strong and beautiful - just like me." Laughs and slaps his ample 'corporation'. "And the other thing I like is the parade. I'm proud they go all out for it."

-Older man near the Huntington Bank: "I always like to wander through the 4H Buildings, but it aint going to be the same this year without Marv. He was a good man and a good friend. I'll miss that roar - "GREAT!"

-Couple near the bank: Woman: "We go for Senior Citizen Day. It's not because we're trying to save a few bucks, but we run into people we haven't seen since last year, and meet some new friends."

-Woman near the Allegan City Hall: "My favorites are the buildings. I like seeing the art work and things like that and then wandering through the displays." Giggles. "Think they'll need to get someone to make sure the Democrats and Republics behave and don't get into it?"

-Couple, same location: Man: "We're taking the grandkids this year, and we're going to spend a lot of time in the history section. I want them to see what it was like when my grandparents were their age." Woman: "History is important. We'll do that, have a donut, and then walk over to the livestock barns." Man: "I'm telling them they get a donut or cider for each half hour we spend in the area."

TOWNSHIP OF WAYLAND
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 ROLL FOR THE SELKIRK LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF WAYLAND TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Supervisor and Assessing Officer have prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering those properties in the Selkirk Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District. In accordance with the requirements of PA 188 of 1954, as amended, the roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs of the project within the aforesaid district, as more particularly shown by the plans on file with the Township Clerk.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment amount for each parcel for the first year is calculated on the basis of $1.27 per lineal foot of frontage on Selkirk Lake. The Supervisor and Assessor have further reported to the Township Board that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to each such parcel bears to the total benefit of all such parcels.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the plans, district, and cost estimates for the Selkirk Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District will be held at the Wayland Township Hall at 1060 129th Avenue, Shelbyville, MI 49344 on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m. After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or revised or amended. The roll may be examined by contacting the Township Clerk at (269) 424-792-6394 or via email at dekoningl@waytwp.org.

At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Clerk at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the special assessment roll is confirmed, the Township Board intends to hold a public hearing once each year in future years to reassess property in the special assessment district for the costs in the next year, and will provide notice of such hearing by publication in the newspaper only, unless the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10 percent in any one year, in which case mailed notice of the public hearing will be provided to owners of property to be specially assessed. The Township Board reserves the right not to levy an assessment in any year or to levy a lesser assessment amount in any year that there are more funds in the special assessment fund than the amount needed for that year's weed control work and associated activities.

Wayland Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Wayland Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Wayland Township Clerk.

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TOWNSHIP OF LEE
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FIRE PROTECTION

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Lee, Allegan County, Michigan, and all other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 10, 1982, the electors of Lee Township approved the creation of a Township-wide special assessment district for fire protection in accordance with PA 33 of 1951, as amended. Thereafter the Lee Township Board created a township-wide special assessment district for the provision of fire protection services in the Township. The Lee Township Fire Department budget for 2026 has been approved, a large portion of the costs of which shall be charged to the special assessment district property owners.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with the foregoing, and the laws and statutes of the State of Michigan, the Township Board of Lee Township has scheduled a public hearing at the Township Hall, 877-56th Street, Pullman, MI 49450 within the Township, on September 8, 2025, commencing at 7:30 p.m. to consider the proposed special assessment roll prepared by the Township assessor pursuant to direction of the Township Board to cover a portion of the expenditures of the provision of Fire Protection Services in Lee Township in the calendar year 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the amount proposed to be assessed against taxable land and premises within the Township is to be computed on the basis of 5.5 mills ($5.50 per $1000 of taxable value of such taxable property) for fire protection services.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed budget for the aforesaid expenditures and the proposed special assessment roll therefore, may be inspected at the office of the Township Clerk at the Lee Township Hall on regular business days of such office and may also be inspected at the aforesaid public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the aforesaid public hearing, the Township Board will review said proposed special assessment roll and any comments or objections thereto which might be made or filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said public hearings and consider any revisions, amendments or changes to said proposed special assessment roll and the amounts to be levied against the benefitted taxable properties.

Appearance and protest at this public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the proposed special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest or his or her agent may appear in person at this hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter received at or before the public hearing, and if such a letter is filed, the personal appearance of the person protesting will not then be required.

Any owner or person having an interest in real property who has appeared at the aforesaid hearing in the manner hereinbefore indicated may file a written appeal of his/her or its special assessment with the state tax tribunal within a maximum of 35 days after the confirmation of the aforesaid special assessment roll by the Township Board.

Following the approval and confirmation of the proposed special assessment roll, such special assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes are collected.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in future years, the Township Board, because of the continuing nature of providing fire protection services, will annually redetermine the amount to be levied as a special assessment for fire protection purposes within the Township-wide special assessment district for the ensuing calendar year at a public hearing to be held on the 2nd Monday of September at the Township Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m. Notice of such annual hearing will be by publication in the local newspaper only.

Lee Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon reasonable notice to the Lee Township Clerk of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the undersigned Clerk at least five days prior to the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing, or to protest the proposed special assessment roll and/or special assessment.

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ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M, Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and at such time be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

WINTER TRUCK SCRAPER BLADES

Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website, www.alleganroads.org under the Equipment & Facility Bid information section.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

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Island City Fest hosts second phase with car, dog shows

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Part 2 of the Island City Festival took place in downtown Plainwell on Saturday, Aug. 2, highlighted by a Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show and a Dog Show.

Food trucks were also available.

The first part of the festival was held the previous Saturday, but was moved inside Plainwell High School due to a shaky weather forecast. That part included such activities as vendor booths, a powerlifting competition, a free kid zone and dueling pianos featuring Matt Giraud and Brian Griffin.

The Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show and Dog Show were originally scheduled to take place that day as well, but were pushed back a week due to the weather.

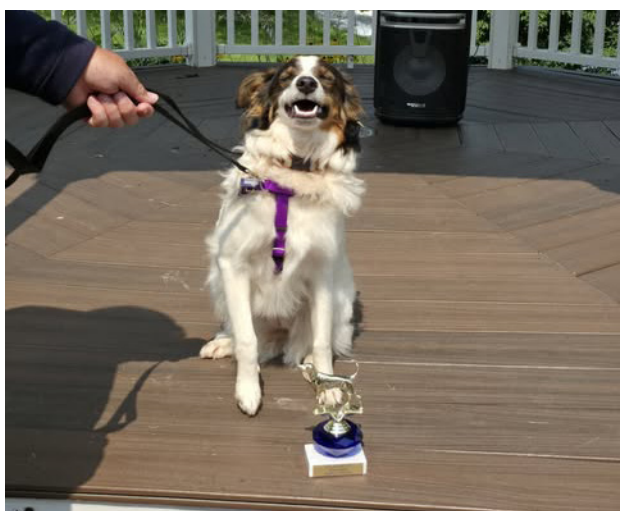
"A huge thank you to everyone who spent part of their weekend with us," event organizers said in a release. "Whether you entered the Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show, strutted your pup in the dog show or just came down for a taco—or three—we're grateful you were part of the fun.

"While Part 1 of the festival hit a few snags with scheduling curveballs, weather hiccups and some last-minute changes, we were so thankful to see many of you still come out to support the vendors, cheer on the weightlifters, let your kiddos go wild on the inflatables and jam out with the dueling pianos."

Participating in the Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show required a donation, with proceeds supporting Wings of Hope Hospice.

The Dog Show was divided into two categories: Under 25 Pounds and 25 Pounds and Over.

"We know this wasn't some over-the-top spectacle, but it was ours and we're proud of what we pulled off together," organizers said. "Thank you to those of you who have shared kind words, messages and conversations throughout the last couple of weekends. It truly means a lot."



Organizers also thanked JBS for sponsoring this year's Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show.

"We also want to give a heartfelt shout out to the City of Plainwell, our incredible volunteers, the folks at Plainwell High School and the generous sponsors who helped bring this event to life," organizers said. "Your support, time and resources are what make weekends like these possible."

And while this year's Island City Festival just wrapped up, planning for next year's event have already begun.

"We've got some updates about next year coming very soon," organizers said.

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strong belief in a successful future, encourage family engagement and promote financial literacy."

At this time, ACCF is actively seeking partners to support and enhance the My Future Funds program.

"While specific needs will continue to emerge as the program evolves, there are already several meaningful ways for individuals and organizations to get involved," Calhoun said.

Local financial advisors and institutions are especially encouraged to participate by offering age-appropriate financial literacy workshops or events for students and their families.

"Strengthening financial knowledge is a core component of the program, aiming to promote long-term financial security not only for students, but also for their families and the broader community," Calhoun said.

ACCF has also issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local banks and credit unions interested in serving as the backbone financial institution for the My Future Fund program. Proposals are due by August 14.

"While we have a general vision for how the financial partnership will function, we're also eager to see innovative ideas that participating institutions may bring to the table," Calhoun said. "At a minimum, the selected financial institution must provide an accessible way for students and families to make deposits, in person at local branches and through online options."

Given that Allegan County covers a large geographic area, accessibility is critical, according to Calhoun.

"As the program grows, it's possible that we may partner with multiple financial institutions to ensure families across the county have convenient access," she said. "The selected financial partners will play a vital role in supporting account infrastructure, facilitating deposits, and helping us build a culture of saving that's inclusive, easy to access, and responsive to community needs."

While one local financial institution expressed early interest in partnering with the program, no institution has been formally selected at this time. The ACCF is currently reviewing proposals submitted through the competitive RFP process to determine the best fit.

The selected institution, or institutions, will play a key role in managing accounts and ensuring accessibility for students and families across Allegan County.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with monthly deposit days held at each participating school. The hope is that these opportunities will help foster a culture of saving and reinforce the importance of future planning among young students.

Also essential to sustaining and expanding the program is philanthropic support from donors.

"Donations help fund the initial seed deposits and matching incentives," Calhoun said. "Donors may also choose to support specific schools or cohorts or even establish endowed funds to ensure lasting impact for future generations.

"Every contribution, whether from a donor, volunteer, school or local business, helps shape a stronger, more resilient Allegan County for generations to come."

In the fall of 2024, ACCF's Youth Advisory Council (TAG Team) surveyed their peers in middle and high school across the county, asking a variety of questions. That included asking what resources or support they felt they needed most.

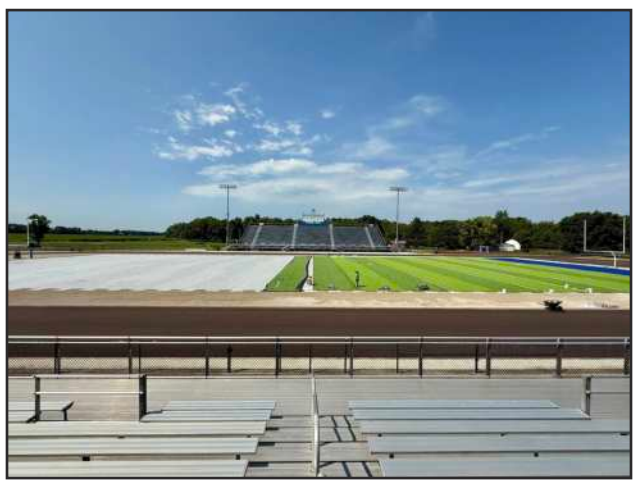
One of the top responses was more education on financial literacy.

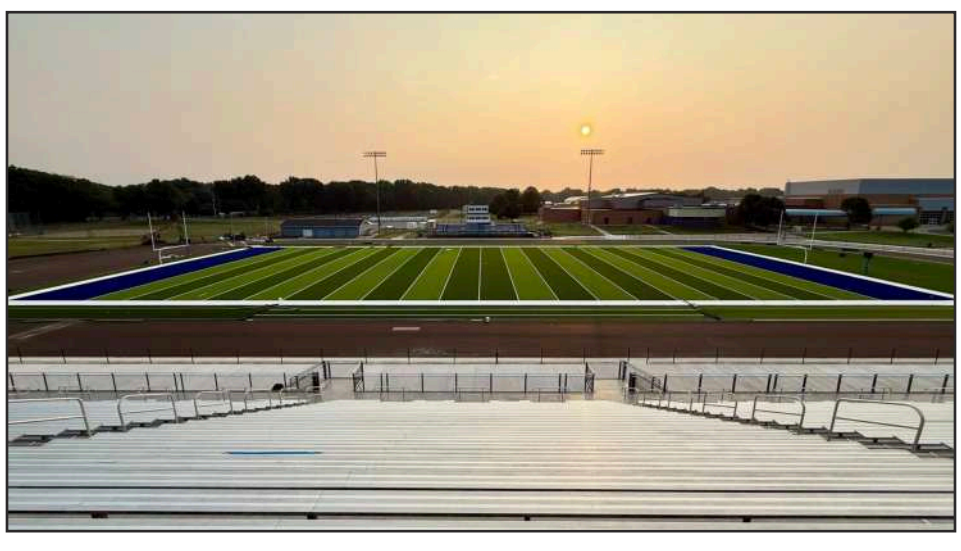
"While the My Future Fund does not provide direct financial support to older students, we hope this program will inspire and strengthen partnerships with schools, libraries, and community organizations to offer relevant, age-appropriate financial literacy programming for teens," Calhoun said.

"It's another way we can meet students where they are and help equip them for lifelong financial well-being. We want families to know this program is for them."

There is no cost to participate, and families can contribute as little or as much as they're able.

"We want the public to know that this is a community effort," Calhoun said. "We're looking for champions, people who believe in kids, believe in education and believe in building a future where all children, no matter their ZIP code, have a chance to succeed."





Streidl Field gets makeover

Renovations at Plainwell High School's Streidl Field are nearing completion.

This project not only involves new turf on the field, but also includes new fencing, a fresh track, new concrete and a state-of-the-art digital scoreboard. Funding was secured through the sale of the district's Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum license to T-Mobile.

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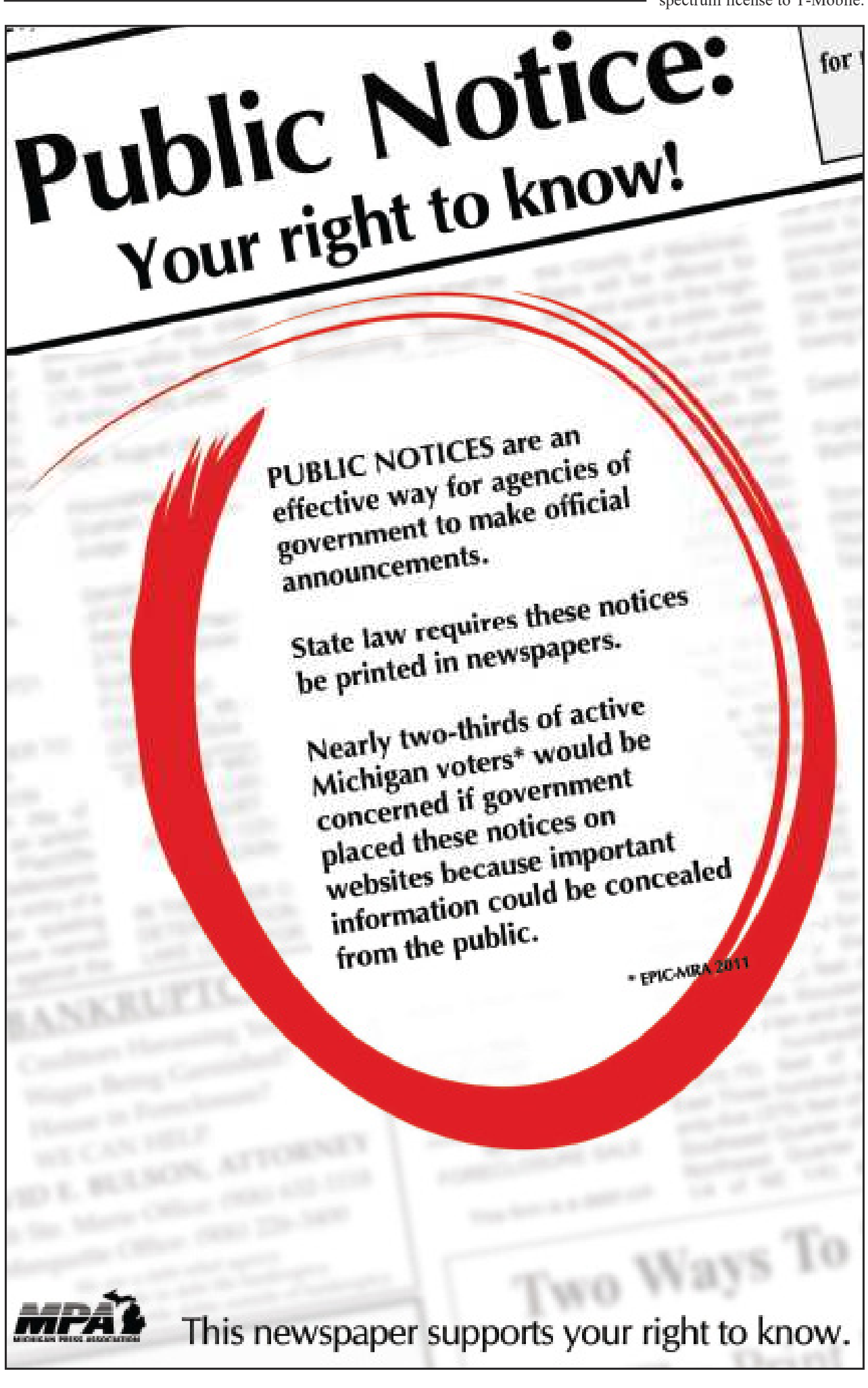
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Toronto's Rogers Centre provided unique experience

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The past couple of years, I've shared my experiences traveling to different Major League Baseball stadiums, providing my thoughts on each one and ranking them in terms of my favorites.

Two years ago, that included an exhausting-but-fun seven stadiums in seven days, including stops in Milwaukee, both Chicago stadiums, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Detroit.

Last year, Busch Stadium in St. Louis was added to the mix.

This year was my first international experience as my dad, my two sons and I made the trek across the northern border to the Rogers Centre in Toronto, home of the Blue Jays.

So without any further ado, let's jump in.

In the spirit of full disclosure, our trip to Toronto wasn't exclusively baseball related. Rather, my oldest son Colin was part of a study abroad program in Italy and his professor at Central Michigan University opted to have the group fly out of Toronto to save money on the plane tickets.

As soon as I realized the day we were dropping him off at the airport was during the baseball season, I quickly went to the Blue Jays' schedule to see if they were playing at home. As luck would have it, not only were they home, but they were hosting none other than my beloved Detroit Tigers.

Unfortunately, our trip got off to an inauspicious start and I had a period of doubt when it came to making it to the game.

The problem can be traced back to, of all places, the Secretary of State's office.

Michigan recently started a program that allows residents to obtain an "enhanced" driver's license, which also acts as a passport to Canada and Mexico. When I found out about the trip, I ordered an enhanced license, as did my younger son Caleb. My dad already had an enhanced license.

As it turned out, there is also something called a "real" license, which is good for entry into federal buildings and domestic flights. Apparently, the SOS office often sends "real" licenses instead of "enhanced" licenses.

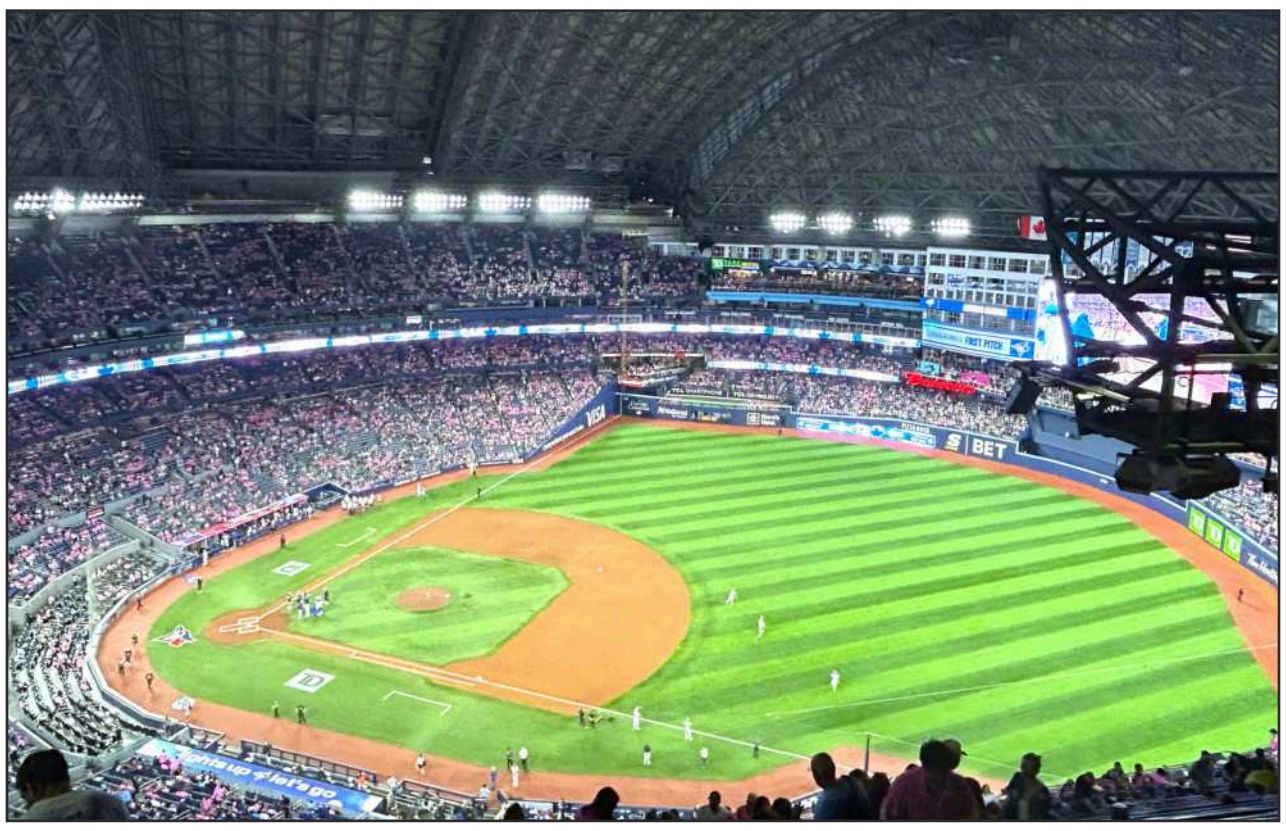
Such was the case for us, so we three of us technically didn't have the proper documents to enter Canada (Colin had a passport for his flight to Italy) and we were sent to the speak to a Canadian border agent.

Thankfully, the border agent was extremely kind and understanding. She said she encountered this problem multiple times each day, and allowed us entry into the country.

With a sigh of relief, we were off to Rogers Centre.

Arriving at the stadium was interesting in itself, as the parking garage we ended up in was literally beneath the Rogers Centre. So all we had to do was take an elevator up, and we were in the stadium.

For those how don't know, Rogers Centre—which was originally called the Sky Dome when it opened in 1989—was the first stadium with a fully retractable roof. With the threat of rain in the forecast, the roof was on, making it the first time I'd ever been in a domed stadium.



This was the view from our seats high up in Rogers Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays. The Jays bested my beloved Detroit Tigers on our visit. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

To put in bluntly, I didn't like it.

Baseball is a game that's meant to be played outdoors. And while I totally understand the rationale for having a retractable roof for weather-related issues, it just felt wrong.

To make matters worse, it was "Barbie Day" at the ballpark, meaning there was a sea of pink and multiple Barbie-related activities. Not exactly my cup of tea.

The fact that the Tigers lost 2-1 after holding a 1-0 lead much of the game didn't improve my mood, either.

There was a cool moment late in the game when they turned the lights down and everyone got out their cell phone and turned on their flashlights, making for a unique aesthetic.

But overall, if I'm being honest, Rogers Centre ranked near the bottom of the list of stadiums I've visited the past few years. Only Rate Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, ranks lower, and not by much.

Still, I'm definitely happy I went. I have a bucket-list goal to visit all 30 MLB stadiums before it's all said and done, and this allowed me to mark off one more. And I got to see the Tigers, which was a nice bonus.

Plus, getting stopped at the border makes for a fun story to tell, so there's always that.

My sons Caleb (left) and Colin Wesseldyk pose for a photo with a Blue Jays jersey during our trip to Toronto. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Top Senior Student-Athletes: Wayland

Harmony Laker

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Like mother, like daughter.

Recent graduate Harmony Laker was named the recipient of this year's Multer Award, which is given annually to the top female senior student-athlete at Wayland Union High School. In doing so, she followed in the footsteps of her mother Kara (Potter) Laker, who received the award when she graduated in 2000.

"Winning (the Multer Award) was something I value a lot because my mom also won it when she was in high school," Laker said. "It was such an honor considering how many other great athletes have won it."

The fact that Harmony—who earned four varsity letters apiece in basketball, volleyball and softball—and her mother both won the Multer Award is just the latest reminder that sports are truly a family affair for the Laker clan.

Harmony's dad Lance was also a standout at Wayland and coaches at the high school level; older sister Liberty ('23 Wayland grad) starred in volleyball, basketball and softball in high school and played volleyball collegiately and Grace Christian University; younger sister Charity (Class of '28) plays volleyball, basketball and softball; and younger brother Christian (going into fifth grade) is active in football, baseball and basketball.

"Sports were always a constant in my household, and I've always loved playing as a family," Harmony said. "I would play with my older sister Liberty a lot, and then we would play 2-on-2 against my dad and younger sister Charity in basketball.

"My family means the world to me and without my family I would not be the athlete I am today. They each have pushed me in different aspects of my game and of my life."

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Harmony Laker will continue her basketball career at Cedarville University. (Photo provide)

Trent Sikkema

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Receiving the Louis Japinga Memorial Award—given annually to the top male senior student-athlete at Wayland Union High School—had long been a goal for 2025 graduate Trent Sikkema.

And for good reason.

"Ever since I was a little boy, I wanted to win (the Japinga Award) because my dad and uncle had both won it," Sikkema said. "I can even remember always telling my dad that I would be just like him and win it. He'd tell me that if I got good grades and worked hard, that I could it."

As it turns out, father truly does know best.

In recognition of his outstanding efforts in football, baseball and wrestling coupled with his achievements in academics and citizenship, Sikkema was named the Japinga Award recipient for the Class of 2025.

"It meant a lot," Sikkema said. "It was amazing to be a student-athlete at Wayland and to be able to represent the community. People would always ask me about how the teams were going to look in the upcoming year and ask how I was feeling about every upcoming season.

"I felt a sense of pride that I was representing Wayland and I always did my best to make sure I represented the community well. Winning (the Japinga Award) shows that I was able to do that."

Sikkema, who was active in National Honor Society and 4H in addition to being a three-sport athlete, enjoyed all of the sports in which he participated.

One, though, was a little more special to him.

"It was football," he said. "I just really enjoyed how physical it was and the team aspect of it. And there was no better feeling than under the Friday night lights."

It should come as no surprise, then, that one of Sikkema's favorite memories from his playing days at Wayland came on the gridiron.

During his junior season, the Wildcats posted a 49-40 upset victory over defending Division 4 state champion Grand Rapids South Christian, wrapping up a playoff berth in the process.

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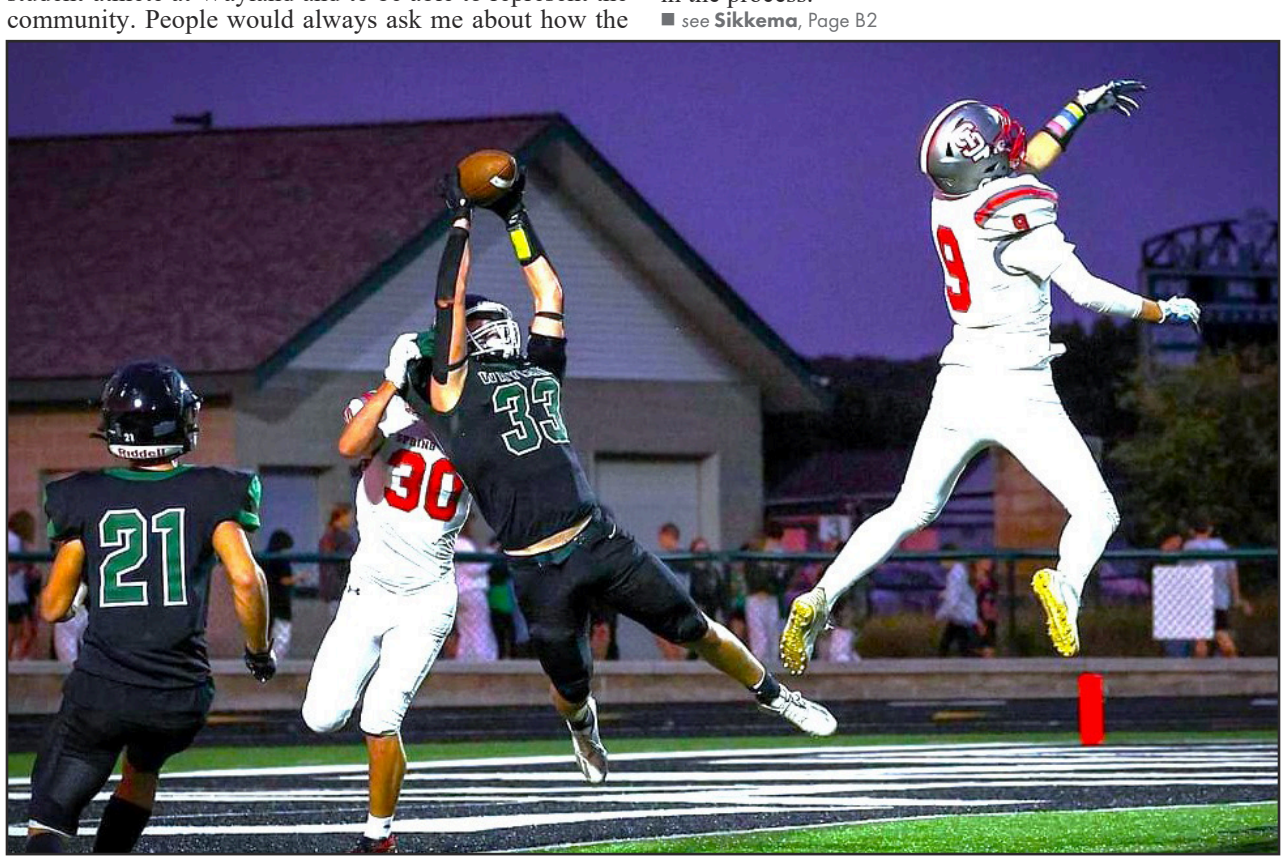

Trent Sikkema goes up high to haul down a pass during one of Wayland's football games. (Photo provided)

MHSAA provides tips for practicing in hot weather

This summer has seen several stretches of hot and humid weather.

And as student-athletes prepare to begin practices and competition schedules this month, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is again ramping up awareness of necessary hot-weather precautions as schools and families prepare for activity.

Each year, the MHSAA provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot-weather practice and game conditions during the late summer and early fall. Practices for all Fall 2025 sports—cross country, girls field hockey, football, Lower Peninsula girls golf, boys soccer, Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving, Lower Peninsula boys and Upper Peninsula girls tennis, and volleyball—may begin Monday, Aug. 11.

The "Health & Safety" page of the MHSAA website has links to several information sources. That includes the MHSAA preseason publication *Heat Ways*, which is available for download and includes valuable information on heat management in addition to requirements and resources regarding head injuries, sudden cardiac arrest and emergency action plans.

Heat Ways also includes a statement on air quality and its potential effects on activity, given especially the recent conditions resulting from wildfires and smoke they have created.

The first days of formal practices in hot weather should be more for heat acclimatization and instruction than the conditioning of athletes. Also, practices in such conditions need planning to become longer and more strenuous over a gradual progression of time.

Schools also must consider moving practices to different locations or different times of day or changing practice plans to include different activities depending on the conditions.

Furthermore, football practice rules allow for only helmets to be worn during the first two days, only shoulder pads to be added on the third and fourth days, and full pads to not be worn until the fifth day of team practice.

The MHSAA advises student-athletes to make sure to hydrate all day long—beginning before practice, continuing during and also after practice is done. Water and properly-formulated sports drinks are the best choices for hydration.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) advises that a 6-to-8 percent carbohydrate formulation is the maximum that should be utilized in a sports drink. Fruit juices with greater than 8-percent carbohydrate content and carbonated soda can both result in a bloated feeling and abdominal cramping.

A number of member schools follow the MHSAA's Model Policy for Managing Heat & Humidity, which, while not mandated for member schools, was adopted as a rule for MHSAA postseason competition in 2013.

The plan directs schools to begin monitoring the heat index at the activity site once the air temperature reaches 80 degrees, and provides recommendations when the heat index reaches certain points, including ceasing activities when it rises above 104 degrees.

When the temperature is below 80 degrees, there is no combination of heat and humidity that will result in a need to curtail activity.

The model heat & humidity policy is outlined in a number of places on the MHSAA Website, including as part of *Heat Ways*.

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Having the opportunity to play alongside both Liberty (as a freshman and sophomore) and Charity (as a senior) at the varsity level is something Harmony cherishes.

"Playing with both of my sisters at the varsity level on both ends of my career is definitely a highlight for me," Harmony said. "Not a lot of people can say they got to play with their older and younger sister in high school. That is probably one of my greatest memories from high sports for sure."

Other highlights include hitting a step-back, buzzer-beating 3-pointer to win district title as a freshman along with pre-game prayers with her teammates.

Creating those memories in Wayland made them even more special.

"I've always lived in Wayland and to have the opportunity to play where both of my parents played was pretty amazing," she said. "I always took pride in going to Wayland and wearing that green and white. The opportunities that provided are something I will be forever grateful for."

Harmony Laker

Also special for Harmony is that she was able to have both of her parents as coaches in high school. Her mom is Wayland's varsity volleyball coach, while her dad is an assistant varsity girls basketball coach on Weston Hudson's staff.

"I was blessed to have pretty amazing coaches my entire career so far, but my dad is someone that has made a big impact not only as my dad, but as a coach," Harmony said. "He is one that preaches on the mental side of sports, because you genuinely can go further than your mind can ever tell you. He also taught me that the glory will always go to the Lord no matter what.

"Coach Hudson, (varsity softball) Coach Ritz and my mom also have been a huge part of my growth."

During her high school career, Harmony would often be asked which sport was her favorite. Her standard answer was: "volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter and softball in the spring."

In reality, though, the hardwood emerged as No. 1.

"God really put basketball on my heart different from all the rest," she said. "That's why that is the sport I have chosen to play in college."

Harmony is attending Cedarville University, a Division 2 institution in Ohio, on a full-ride scholarship. She is currently undecided regarding a major.

"My goals moving forward never change, I'd have to say," she said. "(I want to) work harder than everyone, be a great teammate and give the glory to Lord in any circumstance."

Harmony Laker helped the Wayland softball team continue its run of dominance. (Photo provided)

As she continues her athletic journey at the collegiate level and eventually starts a career, Harmony said the lessons she's already learned through athletics will continue to guide her.

"Sports has truly helped to carve me into the person I am today," she said. "They've taught me that hard work and consistency is the only way to get to where you want, and it has taught me that being a great teammate is the greatest joy in sports.

"They have made me develop grit, and overall appreciation for the sports I play. A lesson that will always stay with me as long as I live is that we are never guaranteed tomorrow, so I have to work as hard as I can to live every day like it's my last."

Sikkema ■ from Page B1

Trent Sikkema is seen with the plaque he received for the Japinga Award. (Photo provided)

And while Wayland fell to South Christian in the opening round of the postseason the following week, it did nothing to taint the win to close out the regular season.

"Beating South and going to the playoffs was pretty special," Sikkema said.

The playoff appearance was the first for Wayland since 2013, not counting the 2020 campaign when every team was allowed into the postseason due to COVID shortening the season.

Other career highlights for Sikkema included qualifying for the state tournament in wrestling his junior and senior years.

"Sports have taught me good work ethic," he said. "I also learned that things are supposed to be hard and that nothing comes easy."

Wayland assistant football coach Mike Hall was among the coaches who helped teach those lessons to Sikkema.

"Coach Hall was my defensive coordinator," Sikkema said. "He made a big impact on me because you could tell that he really cared about all of the players and loved the game of football. He wanted us to have fun while working hard and he wanted to win."

Not that Hall was the only Wayland coach who made a lasting impression on Sikkema.

"I was blessed to have great coaches in all of my sports," he said. "I still keep in touch with many of them today."

Sikkema, who said he can't remember a time in his life when sports wasn't a major factor—hopes to use those lessons as he continues his education at Grand Rapids Community College.

"I'm going to study marketing and I want to get into sales," said Sikkema, who will also be working during his time in college. "Sports have always been a giant part of my life and I am going to use the lessons that I have learned being a three-sport athlete for the rest of my life."

Trent Sikkema walks to the plate during the baseball season. (Photo provided)

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Liz Uppleger picks spotted knapweed at a volunteer stewardship workday on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, at Saugatuck Dunes State Park, 6575 138th Ave.

Volunteers continue helping at Saugatuck Dunes State Park

Volunteers continue helping at Saugatuck Dunes State Park in Laketown Township

Tyler Lidgard stood at the ready in the parking lot at Shore Acres Park in Laketown Township on Sunday morning, Aug. 3, 2025. The natural resource steward with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources ran through the final checklist with the two volunteers:

Equipment: Gloves – check. Dandelion weeder and plastic garbage bags – Check and check.

Target: Spotted knapweed, an invasive plant with purple flowers from eastern Europe. Lidgard grasped a bunch in her fist and explained how to pull the plant and roots then packed them in a plastic bag for safe disposal.

Goal: Remove as much as possible so it doesn't spread beyond the grassy areas.

"We're trying to keep the dunes from getting it," Lidgard said as the group hit the overrun area next to the road that leads into Saugatuck Dunes State Park, 6575 138th Ave.

Next event Aug. 24

Sunday's event was the second volunteer stewardship workday this season at the state park. The first was in March. The next workday is 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the state park to continue the removal of the spotted knapweed.

Be prepared for direct sunlight. Long pants and closed-toed shoes are recommended.

Register by emailing Tyler Lidgard at LidgardT@Michigan.gov.

Events may be canceled due to inclement weather and other reasons. Please call the park to confirm dates/times prior to your arrival. Lidgard can be reached at (517) 388-8517.

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Tyler Lidgard, right, natural resource steward with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, explains how to identify and pick spotted knapweed to Mike Ricco, center, and Liz Uppleger at a volunteer stewardship workday on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, at Saugatuck Dunes State Park, 6575 138th Ave.

Have you found yourself wondering if your parents are okay living on their own? Maybe the house is becoming too much, or you've noticed changes — in their appearance, their routines, or their interest in things they once loved. These subtle shifts can be signs that your loved one may no longer be happy — *or safe* — living alone.

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Digital Empowerment Survey needs countywide input

By Gari Voss

Allegan County has witnessed work crews installing towers and running underground cables of fiberoptics that will improve internet accessibility to urban and rural residents. At this time, the Digital Skills and Empowerment subcommittee of the Multi-Agency Collaborative Council (MACC) would like the input of as many residents of Allegan County as possible. Having accessibility to the internet through fiberoptics will have no impact unless the citizens make known how they want to utilize the infrastructure.

To gather how county residents wish to use their connectivity, a simple survey is now available. The wider the response to the survey by urban and rural residents, the better the committee will be guided in creating future events. The survey is avail at https://tinyurl.com/AC-Fair2025

"Almost every service requires clients to do business online. These include personal banking, Veterans Administration benefits, SNAP benefits, etc.," shared Jill Dunham, Broadband Project Manager with Allegan County Administration. "Seniors and others who really need to learn the skills and access benefits will come to classes. But they are uncomfortable asking questions about personal needs in a classroom environment, so they leave with questions. We must determine the best ways to assist them in becoming Internet comfortable."

Some people have access to the internet, but the service does not have the strength to complete the forms required to receive basic services. This affects the rural residents more than those in city and town communities.

In order to receive funding to provide high-speed internet to the rural and urban areas that were currently underserved or unserved, the State had to have an entity to receive and administer the funding. So, the legislature did set up the highspeed internet office which is under the State administration.

MIHI (Michigan High-Speed Internet) was established in June 2021 but was not funded until spring of 2022. In 2022, the legislature did fund the staffing of the MIHI office in preparation to receive the grant funds from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. This started the process of installing Internet across the state, including Allegan County.

There were three programs that the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) created to achieve the goal of having a digitally equitable state. The MITTEN, or Michigan's Inclusive Training, Technology, and Equity Network, was the official name for the Michigan Digital Navigator Resource Network, as outlined in Michigan's Digital Equity Plan. MITTEN was designed to support digital inclusion and capacity building efforts for regional entities and collaboratives. Also included under MIHI were the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program and the Realizing Opportunity with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) program. The three programs addressed the different arms of Michigan's Digital Equity Plan that would enable the creation of a digital infrastructure, training, and public-private partnerships for the expansion of broadband infrastructure to underserved and unserved areas.

Even though the Bipartisan Funding Bill signed in 2021 has had its funding withdrawn, Allegan County is moving forward with implementing Michigan's Digital Equity Plan through its Broadband Internet Access Project.

MITTEN had conducted a tour and visited communities around the state to hold quasi "town hall" meetings to determine needs and wants. The group knew that funding was limited, and new funding would need to be sought to continue the program.

"The initial activities were enough to get people working together," shared Dunham. "From there, they could determine how to use and leverage existing resources to add value. So, the MITTEN framework is still in place. There are 13 prosperity regions, and Allegan County is in Region 4 which has an urban and a rural section. Allegan County is moving forward to reach their Internet goal."

There are resources that have been identified in communities on which to draw. Organizations and individuals had been working on digital skills. The framework is in place. Organizations have stepped forward to be the point of contact. Each organization is determining how to provide funding to implement programs.

"The original infrastructure is important," stressed Dunham. "We can continue to help residents become more effective in taking advantage of the resources on the Internet. In Allegan County, we do have people in communities who are already committed to the residents. We will work to synergize and see if we can create some tools that will help residents."

Organizations like Christian Neighbors and libraries have set up one-on-one coaching. People bring in their devices or use a shared device to learn how to complete personal tasks. Tasks like how to set up and access a Gmail account, to set up a calendar, to do personal banking, etc.

The Digital Empowerment Survey was created to zero in on what internet users want to know about. Though people who are more comfortable with the Internet may be the first to complete the survey, the Digital Skills and Empowerment subcommittee of the Multi-Agency Collaborative Council (MACC) really want people to encourage others who are not as competent to complete the survey. It is completely anonymous.

The more responses received, the better the committee can focus on next steps. The committee encourages everyone to go to https://tinyurl.com/AC-Fair2025 on their computer, phone, or secure shared computer like at the local library and complete the survey.

Rendition set for August 16

By John Raffel
Correspondent

The 2025 rendition of the Wings of Mercy Holland CareAffaire is slated for Saturday, August 16 at West Michigan Regional Airport (WMRA) from 8 a.m to noon. WMRA is Allegan County's largest airport, located near the intersection of Blue Star Highway and 64th Street.

The day's events start at 7 a.m. with registration for the annual 5k Runway Run that kicks-off at 8 a.m. Also starting at 8 a.m is the pancake breakfast, for $6 per person or $25 for a family.

In addition to the Runway Run and pancakes, airplane and helicopter rides will be available for an additional donation, former county commissioner James Storey reported.

Free attractions include the Hooligans Flight team of vintage military trainer aircraft, Young Eagles flights, exhibits by Flight Path Fight Simulations, Face Painting, Balloon Twisting and other exhibits and attractions.

Wing of Mercy is a charitable organization utilizing volunteer pilots and their aircraft to transport patients in need of care at specialized medical facilities such as Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, and university hospitals. The Wings of Mercy organization uses donations to reimburse fuel and other out-of-pocket flight costs that otherwise would be unaffordable by the patients needing care.

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Car blaze requires team effort

A July 28 freeway car fire totaled this 1992 Honda Accord but the driver escaped unhurt, Saugatuck Township Fire District IT Director Erik Kirchert reported.

Firefighters were dispatched at 7:53 a.m. to northbound I-196 near the 89-mile marker to find the car in flames but its single occupant had escaped and was standing outside at a safe distance, Kirchert said.

Crews deployed the front bumper line to extinguish the blaze with about 800 gallons of water using added foam. A working line was established employing cones for scene safety.

A tanker arrived shortly after and blocked the outside lane while placing more safety cones. A traffic management apparatus was positioned south of the Kalamazoo River bridge to provide early warning to oncoming traffic.

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Library says so long to summer with celebratory mini comic con

From Comic Book Magnets to a Jurassic Park Dinosaur Hunt, from Shrinky Dinks to Elsa's Snowball Toss, Dorr Township Library will offer activities for all ages and interests at August 9's Summer Reading 2025 Mini Comic Con.

This event is also patrons' last chance to become a Summer Reading finisher by handing in their completed reading log and winning a fabulous packet of prizes: a pair of Dorr Township Library sunglasses; tickets to see the Whitecaps, the Rise, and the Griffins; gifts from Maranda's Book Club, Celebration Cinema, Pizza Hut, and two raffle entries for larger prizes such as gift cards, stuffed animals, and Sky Zone passes.

As of July 30, Dorr Library has had a record-breaking 51% increase in Summer Reading registrations from last year, and a 14.2% increase in finishers, with a total of 384 people participating. Join in the Summer Reading fun for your first (or fifteenth, or fiftieth) time at the library's Mini Comic Con finale, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., August 9.

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JFK: Public, Private, Secret

The Bookworm Sez

"JFK: Public, Private, Secret"

by J. Randy Taraborelli

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer

History often isn't kind.

It can be rightfully critical, scrutinized, debated, corrected, and held up as a lesson. What was intentional in a long-ago time might be seen as wrong or disturbing with modern eyes. Is this unkind, revisionary, or a natural reaction? Read "JFK: Public, Private, Secret" by J. Randy Taraborelli and ask yourself: can we view history with empathy and compassion?

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy never wanted nine children.

She didn't seem to like children much, in fact, and she certainly didn't want to lay any more with her philandering husband, Joe. But a century ago, having a large family was expected of a Catholic woman, especially one in the public eye – and so, Rose was "always pregnant and always sick."

Her second son, John (also called Jack), was aware of his mother's feelings when he was small and he accepted it, understanding early that she wasn't going to change. His dad, according to Taraborelli, was the better parent anyhow, although Joe sometimes seemed to dismiss Jack to favor his elder son, Joseph, Jr.

That was something that haunted Jack his entire life. In later years, living in his brother's shadow made him question himself, and he often thought he'd failed as a man.

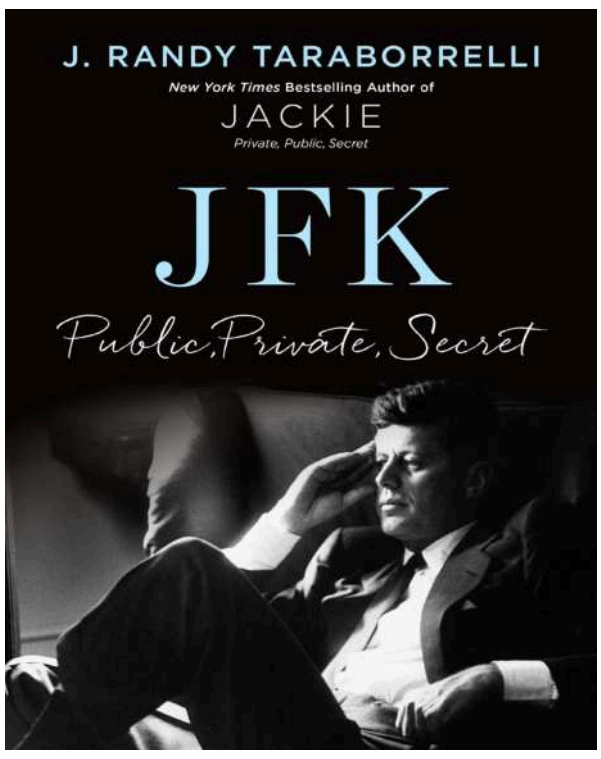
And yet, that didn't stop him from his dreams. Despite that he was often in constant pain due to myriad health issues, his father managed to arrange for Jack to enter the Navy, with the hopes that it would lead to a political career. Jack wanted to be a Senator, and more. Joe urged him to marry soon, because a President needed a wife.

Specifically, Joe pushed for someone well-bred and quietly cosmopolitan, so when Jack began dating a "Danish Beauty" who'd been photographed with Hitler as part of her job, Joe tried to put his foot down.

But Jack loved Inga. He didn't love Jacqueline, and he wasn't sure he ever would…

So. In the past seventy years, can there possibly be anything new to learn about John Kennedy?

Surprisingly, pleasantly, yes.



In "JFK: Public, Private, Secret," author J. Randy Taraborelli tells a story that's familiar but with raindrops and bombshells in between what you already know. Taraborelli makes JFK more human, less politician and you get a front-row seat; information comes from a variety of sources including letters and interviews so you can rest assured that, even though this has the feel of a novel, it's not fictional.

What it is, though, is sad – not just for Kennedy's mental pain over his parents, his brother, his sisters, and expectations he had to live up to – but for his wife, for multiple reasons. This book takes you to 1963 with glimpses of how it resonates today, and reading it's almost frustrating because you know how history played out. Despite that it happened many decades ago, you won't be able to be unaffected by it.

Readers of politics and fans of biographies will devour "JFK: Public, Private, Secret," and for good reason: it's a great story. It's your kind of book.

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Aug. 7, 1950

Hopkins plans harvest fete: Sponsored by the local Lions Club, the second annual Hopkins Harvest Festival will be held Aug. 24, 25, 26 it was announced today.

Preliminary plans are complete and committees are now hard at work on concessions, programs and other depails for the event.

Free entertainment will be furnished each evening with drawings for prizes. Children's games and contests will be features of the afternoon programs, the first two days of the festival.

Saturday, Aug. 26, all children will be admitted to rides and games at half price.

Baseball and tug-o-wars will be other features of the afternoon programs.

Aug. 7, 1975

Amy Wellman named new Miss Allegan: Amy Ruth Wellman was crowned Miss Allegan Saturday night by Miss Michigan, Julie Ann Beckers of Allegan, in the final minutes of the city pageant in the Griswold Auditorium.

Miss Wellman won the title from a bevy of seven Allegan girls, all exceptionally talented, with poise, charm and stage presence, who were the stars of one of the most entertaining pageants in 20 years of Miss Allegan contests.

Tara Olcott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olcott, was named first runner-up, and Kathy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel "Skip" Martin, was chosen second runner-up.

The new Miss Allegan, who was the judges' favorite in both talent and swimsuit competitions, sang a pop tune—"Castles in the Air"—to her own piano accompaniment.

A statuesque, dimpled brunet—she's five foot, eight inches tall, 116 pounds—Amy's voice, though untrained, is clear and resonant with excellent diction, and her song was presented with a natural quality in style of her own that reached the capacity crowd despite the fact that she was seated at a piano with her back toward the audience.

Queens galore embellished the stage at Griswold Auditorium Saturday night after Amy Wellman (center) was named Miss Allegan and was crowned by the girl she succeeds, Julie Ann Beckers, now Miss Michigan. Also present for the ceremonies, was Karen Sebright, Miss Allegan County Harvest Queen. **For more pictures and a complete story on the local pageant, see the back page.**

—van Melle pho

Joe Orr's girls' team finished a perfect 3-0 in championship round play to earn the gold medal. The players are holding up nine fingers to represent their team number in the tournament. (Photo provided)

Aug. 10, 2000

Orr coaches top talent in Hawaii: Most high school coaches can only dream about guiding a team comprised of the best athletes in the country.

That dream recently became a reality for Joe Orr.

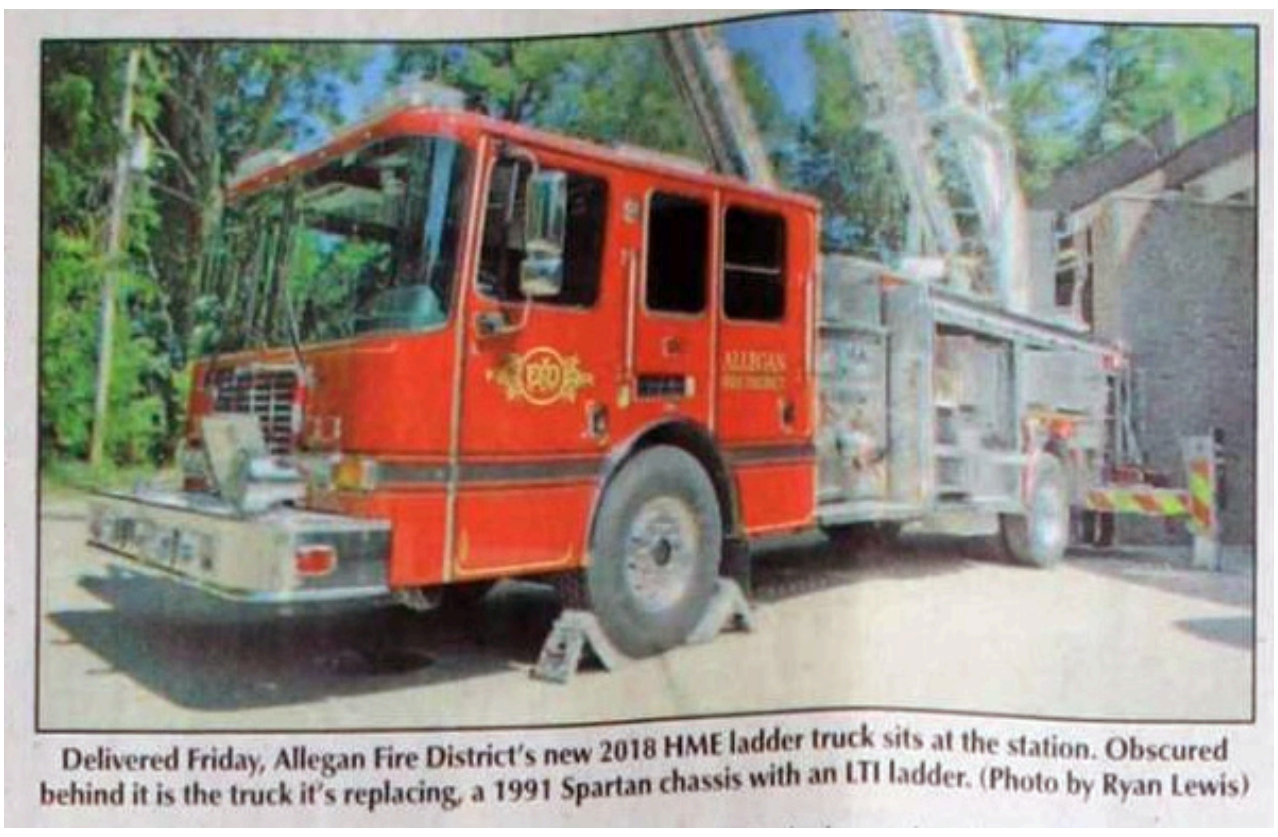
Orr, the varsity girls basketball coach at Martin, traveled to Laie, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu for the second straight year to serve as coach for Hoopsmart USA. Accompanied by wife Barb, Orr was in Hawaii for four weeks from July 1 to 28.

Hoopsmart, a program for the elite high school junior basketball players in the U.S., hold tournaments for both boys and girls.

"There were some pretty talented kids," said Orr, one of the few coaches to coach both a boys and a girls team at the tournament.

Not only was Orr impressed with the physical skills of the players, but he also marveled at their basketball intellect and ability to learn quickly.

"Usually, it takes a while to learn a new system, but with these kids, they knew a different offense after only two-and-a-half hours of practice," Orr said.



Delivered Friday, Allegan Fire District's new 2018 HME ladder truck sits at the station. Obscured behind it is the truck it's replacing, a 1991 Spartan chassis with an LTI ladder. (Photo by Ryan Lewis)

Aug. 6, 2020

Allegan purchases new fire truck: Allegan Fire District's new ladder truck has arrived.

Delivered Friday, July 31, the $609,000 vehicle is already detailed with the department's insignia—and even a small banner on the back honoring the local school district.

Fire Chief Nick Brink said, "We're pretty excited to get it here."

The truck is a 2018 HME, built to show off the equipment at trade shows; it has never been in service, so Brink said it was essentially new at discount.

New models such as this normally cost approximately $900,000.

The truck has an 80-foot ladder, a 5-foot increase over the current truck; it pumps 2,000 gallons of water per minute, up from the current ladder truck's 1,750 gallons. It has the usual 400-gallon tank to help prime the water pump.

It is four feet longer than the current truck, but its design means it is likely even more maneuverable.

Brink said the ladder truck provides the role of the biggest toolboxes for the department.

While frontline fire engines arrive on scenes first and are used to immediately begin suppressing fires, ladder trucks are next and give firefighters access to rooftops, help them with rescues and transport many other tools to work the scene.

The truck purchase is part of a long-term plan to update the department's aging equipment.

Being replaced is a 1991 Spartan chassis with an LTI ladder, purchased new for $327,500 and financed over seven years. While it passed its annual inspection in 2019, it was not expected to do so this year.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

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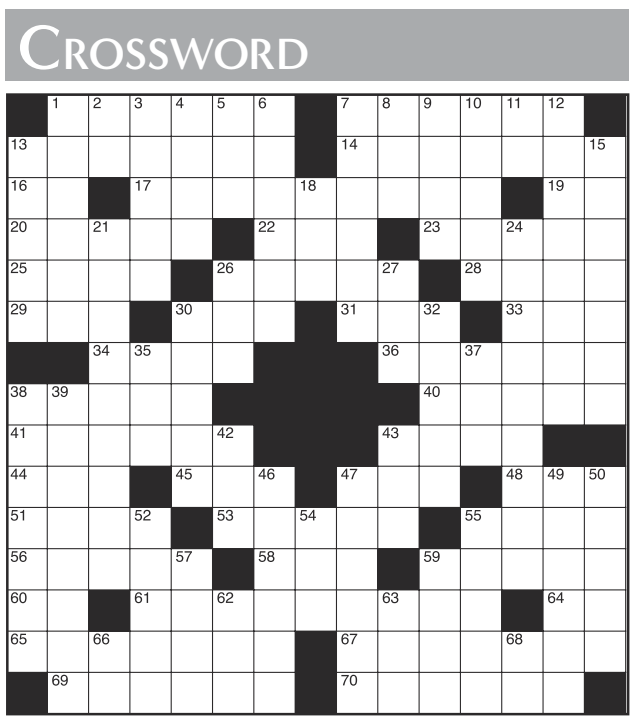

CLUES ACROSS
1. Spiritual leaders
7. Salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. They precede C
17. A way to compare
19. State lawyer
20. 'Game of Thrones' actor Ciaran
22. Eighth month (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. Mountain in New Zealand
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. One of the founders of modern psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. You can get stuck in one
45. Partner to feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankee great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Gold
65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN
1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Necklace materials
4. Containers
5. Investment account
6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
7. Dipped down
8. Head injury category (abbr.)
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. Caused to be loved
13. Muslim spiritual leader
15. Showing sincere conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
30. Start over
32. Wild white flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
38. Side by side and facing the same way
39. Religious conflicts
42. Touch lightly
43. 'Boardwalk Empire' actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Japanese city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

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Public Notices

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ryan Perisee and Zoila Perisee, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 10, 2011, and recorded on November 15, 2011, in Liber 3563, Page 506, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was modified by Loan Modification Agreement dated March 1, 2016 and recorded April 4, 2016 in Liber 4015, Page 793, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 21, 2023 and recorded February 21, 2023 in Liber 4837, Page 141, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen and 39/100 ($76,615.39) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Ganges, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the East and West 1/4 line of Section 5, Township 2, North, Range 16 West at a point 614.00 feet North 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 Seconds West of the East 1/4 Post of the Section; Thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 seconds West on the 1/4 line, 326.80 feet; Thence North 250.00 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 00 Seconds East 326.80 feet; Thence South 250.00 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 6831 123RD AVE, FENNVILLE, MI 49408 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: July 17, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00485-1

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 21, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Joyce Gabrys a/k/a Joyce Marie Gabrys, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 7, 2017 Recorded on April 14, 2017, Liber 4130, on Page 483, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Eight and 73/100 Dollars ($139,368.73) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Parcel A: A parcel of land being part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan and being more particularly described as Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, along the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 1202.64 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 400.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continue North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 320.05 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 558.57 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minute 40 seconds East, parallel with the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 320.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 306.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 126.07 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, a distance of 125.00 feet to the point of beginning EXCEPT Part of the Northeast 1/4, Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West 400.00 feet along the East line of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds West 645.99 feet, parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds West 306.64 feet; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 45 seconds West 126.07 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 03 seconds East 100.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 59 seconds East 432.98 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds East 100.03 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel B: Part of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the East-West one-quarter line of Section 3, distant North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds, West 1202.64 feet from the East one-quarter corner of Section 3 and proceeding thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 50.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds West 183.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 66.00 feet; thence along the West line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one quarter of Section 3, North 00 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds West 734.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 335.04 feet; thence North 81 degrees 48 minutes 09 seconds East 25.38 feet; thence South 08 degrees 11 minutes 51 seconds East 4.27 feet; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds East 524.32 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds East 267.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 210.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds West 70.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 50 seconds West 558.57 feet; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 54 seconds East 720.05 feet to the point of beginning. 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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Judicial circuit
COUNTY PROBATE
ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 25.70574-CH
Hon. Matthew Antkoviak
Court address 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, Michigan 49010-1332
Court telephone no. 269.673.0300
Plaintiffs name(s), address(es), and telephone nos).
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Defendant's name(s), address(es), and telephone no.
Anna Schwander
320 S Maple St
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In the matter of NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing v. Anna Schwander, ef al.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Anna Schwander cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
iT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s).
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b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 48408-5120
d. Other: Publication in the Allegan COunty News for three consecutive weeks per mlc 2.106.
For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
7-10-2025
Judge Hon. Matthew Antkoviak P59449
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Postmus and Sarah Postmus, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 29, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 5, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $109,542.44
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning on the North line of Government Lot 2, Section 15, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, 746.00 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof, thence South 40 degrees East 142.08 feet; thence West about 242 feet to Kalamazoo River; thence Northwesterly along the river to the North line of said Government 2; thence East 200 feet to beginning
Common street address (if any): 5320 131st Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-9691
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This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: July 24, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(07-24)(08-14)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kerisa F. DeSimone, unmarried and Shawn T. Wabeke, unmarried
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc.
Date of Mortgage: November 10, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 28, 2023
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $249,237.72
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence proceeding on the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, North 89 degrees 39 minutes 01 seconds East 258.84 feet; thence on a line parallel with the West line of the Northwest 1/4 Section 29, South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East 262.19 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West 258.85 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West 259.38 feet to the point of beginning.
Together With and Subject To a 12 foot wide potable water well and supply easement area over, under and across the following described land: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, being South 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds East 255.38 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 29; thence proceeding South 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds East 131.28 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West 12.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 43 minutes 42 seconds West 131.17 feet to the West line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 43 seconds West 12.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 2797 10th St, Shelbyville, MI 49344-9519
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: July 31, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(07-31)(08-21)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Andy Ai, a married man, sole owner, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Consumers Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated October 30, 2020, and recorded on November 4, 2020, in Liber 4533, on Page 545, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and 41/100 Dollars ($152,317.41) plus accrued interest at 2.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, County of Allegan, State of Michigan and are described as: The South 208.75 feet of the West 208.75 feet of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 14, Town 2 North, Range 15 West. Commonly: 5159 118th Ave Fennville, MI 49408— Tax Id #04-014-014-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 31, 2025 Consumers Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340

(07-31)(08-28)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 18, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Casey Lynn Hill Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 1, 2023 Recorded on August 9, 2023, Liber 4877, on Page 378, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and 62/100 Dollars ($317,153.62) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, Clyde Township, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 33, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 129.04 feet along the South line of said Section 33; thence South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 384.70 feet along the East line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds East 275.00 feet along said East lines; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds West 363.00 feet; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 26 seconds West 275.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 41 minutes 44 seconds East 363.00 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2380 54th St, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(07-31)(08-21)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Diana Terpstra, Married Woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: October 24, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 28, 2016
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $125,033.51
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 175 feet of the East 510.73 feet of that part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 13 West, lying South of the Pere Marquette Railroad and North of the Highway (118th Ave).
Common street address (if any): 3267 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010-9211
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 7, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(08-07)(08-28)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE TRUST AGREEMENT FOR JACOB SYBESMA
SS# XXX-XX-7554
(Social Security No. of JACOB SYBESMA, deceased)
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
The decedent, JACOB SYBESMA was born on March 9, 1931, and died on June 23, 2025.
The Decedent was the Settlor of THE JACOB SYBESMA TRUST, dated December 13, 2000, as amended on January 28, 2010.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting trustee (whose name and address appears below) of the Trust within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.
The current acting trustee is:
HILLBRAND H.J. SYBESMA
Address of Trustee
12561 4 Mile Road
Plainwell, MI 49080
Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Date:
Attorney for Trustee: Karen A. McCarty, P36401 McCarty Law Offices, PLC
200 W. Allegan Street
Otsego, MI 49078
(269) 694-6055
(269) 694-4406-fax

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY PROBATE
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE #25-70752
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010
Court telephone no. (269) 673-0300
Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Allegan Community Federal Credit Union
c/o David, Wierenga & Lauka, PC
99 Monroe Avenue, NW, Suite 1210
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 / (616) 454-3883
Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
Jacob B. Greendyk (P85544)
DAVID, WIERENGA & LAUKA, PC
99 Monroe Ave., N.W., Suite 1210
Grand Rapids, M1 49503 / (616)454-3883
v
Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Scott Zoll, Annie Zoll, Mamie Wendt Short, Robert K. Zoll, and Mildred L. White, individuals, and any unknown heirs/devisees, successors, and assigns; and all unknown persons having an interest in the subject property; and all occupants, jointly and severally
IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to quiet title to property located in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, legally described on attached Exhibit A . You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days after Notice first appears in Newspaper . If you fail to do s0, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
Date: 7/18/25
Matthew Antkoviak P-59449
EXHIBIT A
That part of Lot 3, Lowes Divisional Map, in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 27, T2N, R13W, Allegan City, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the West line of Airway Drive and the South line of Ridge Court; thence N89°11°00""W 166.56 feet along the South line of said Ridge Court to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing N89°11'00"W 278.97 feet along said South line to the Southwest corner of Ridge Court; thence S00°49°00""W 47.85 feet along the West line of Ridge Court extended Southerly to the North line of Lot 4, Lowes Divisional Map; thence N89°17°40"E 279.15 feet along said North line to the West line of the East 7 acres of Lot 4 of Lowes Divisional Map; thence N00°41'10"E 40.44 feet along the Northerly extension of said West line of the East 7 acres to the Point of Beginning.
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NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Suretta Lacy
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the 48th Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of MI, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010, an action between Plaintiff, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and Defendant, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Suretta Lacy, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Joyce Bradford Raymond, Any and All Unknown Herirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Victoria C. Lacy and Carolyn Lacy; Case No. 25-70627-CH, involving an action for Judicial Foreclosure. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court seeking Judicial Foreclosure. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the address above on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the date of the third publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this case. You may contact and serve a copy of any answer on Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., Attn: Ronald Glaser, 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Joyce Bradford Raymond
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the 48th Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of MI, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010, an action between Plaintiff, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and Defendant, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Suretta Lacy, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Joyce Bradford Raymond, Any and All Unknown Herirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Victoria C. Lacy and Carolyn Lacy; Case No. 25-70627-CH, involving an action for Judicial Foreclosure. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court seeking Judicial Foreclosure. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the address above on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the date of the third publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this case. You may contact and serve a copy of any answer on Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., Attn: Ronald Glaser, 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

NOTICE OF ACTION AS TO DEFENDANT Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is presently pending in the 48th Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, State of MI, located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010, an action between Plaintiff, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and Defendant, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Suretta Lacy, Any and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assignees of Joyce Bradford Raymond, Any and All Unknown Herirs, Devisees and Assignees of Mary Grady Raymond, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Victoria C. Lacy and Carolyn Lacy; Case No. 25-70627-CH, involving an action for Judicial Foreclosure. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this Court seeking Judicial Foreclosure. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the address above on or before twenty-eight (28) days after the date of the third publication. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Plaintiff's Complaint filed in this case. You may contact and serve a copy of any answer on Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., Attn: Ronald Glaser, 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Victoria Harrington
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $132,917.40
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Hopkins, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 2 and 3 of Satterlee's Addition to the Village of Hopkins, according to the recorded plat thereof, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 411 Selby St, Hopkins, MI 49328-9556
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 7, 2025
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

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Public Notices

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Estate of Richard Mark Sprague Date of Birth:*7/28/1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Richard Mark Sprague, died 11/19/24 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Allysa Rickal Sprague , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Lisa M. Gray P74841
814 S. Garfield Ave.
Traverse City, MI 49685
231-947-0122
Allysa Rickal Sprague
2112 W. Cactus Wren Drive
Phoenix AZ 85021
850-964-3005

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65733-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of LARRY V. ALLRED Date of Birth:*03/15/1954
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LARRY V. ALLRED, died 09/10/2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James Allred , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7/30/25
Bernard Schaefer P40114
161 Ottawa NW, Ste. 212
616-272-4361
James Allred
14564 62nd St.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Bangor, MI 49013
269-214-6328

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: The Shirley Rae Broe Trust
TAKE NOTICE: The Shirley Rae Broe Trust, ("The Trust") was established on January 7, 2004. The Settlor, Shirley Rae Broe lived at 6351 118th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408. Shirley Rae Broe was born on August 23, 1927, and died on July 12, 2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Shirley Rae Broe, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Shirley Rae Broe Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Teddy W. Broe, Jr., Successor Trustee, of 6351 118th Avenue, Fennville, MI 49408, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: July 29, 2025
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65767-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Carl John Johnson, Deceased Date of Birth:*12-23-1949
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carl John Johnson, died 06-01-2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert A. Johnson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
8-1-2025
Christopher T. Antkoviak P59448
416 Hubbard Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269)673-8468
Robert A. Johnson
129 W. Hopson Street
Bad Axe, MI 48413
517-896-3214

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65729-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater, P74848
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Virginia Mae Harsevoort Date of Birth:*December 8, 1944
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Virginia Mae Harsevoort , died May 22, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sue E. Harsevoort , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
July 30, 2025
Donkersloot Law Office
James A. Donkersloot P30433
132 E. Main Avenue, P.O. Box 230
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 772-9000
Sue E. Harsevoort
229 Ferris Avenue
Holland, MI 49423 City, state, zip
(616) 283-4892

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE HON. MICHAEL L. BUCK
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Daniel Herman Ignatoski Date of Birth:*1/30/1957
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daniel Herman Ignatoski, died 6/08/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alicia Ignatoski , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
07/30/2025
Alicia Ignatoski
577 College Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-293-9041

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65669-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Roger Jay Potter Date of Birth:*February 12, 1966
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Roger Jay Potter, died April 28, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melody A. Sessions, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
June 30, 2025
Meaghan J. Miracle P80338
1850 44th St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49519
(616) 227-0870
Melody A. Sessions
1997 144th Ave
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 848-6459

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate
Winnetta DeJong
("Decedent")
Name of Trust:
Winnetta DeJong Protection Trust dated January 12, 2016
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Winnetta DeJong, died July 16, 2025. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.
Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against Decedent, Decedent's estate and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Trustee Nancy J. Nessner, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: July 30, 2025
Nancy J. Nessner
2663 Sun Valley
Jenison, Michigan 49428

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65730-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of BRENT ELLIS MCCORMICK Date of Birth:*MAY 16, 1957
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BRENT ELLIS MCCORMICK, died MAY 21, 2025 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JORDAN ALEXANDER MCCORMICK, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
7-29-25
JESSE D. BERGWERFF P86821
4595 32ND AVE. STE. 120
HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426
(616) 369-2113
JORDAN A. MCCORMICK
131 GRAND ST.
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
(269) 355-3223

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Travis R. Berens, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2011 and recorded October 28, 2011 in Liber 3558, Page 369 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Nine and 8/100 Dollars ($96,179.08).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.
Said premises are located in the Township of Heath, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, described as: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 35, distant South 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East 767.80 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 35 and proceeding thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds East 330.00 feet along the East line of Section 35; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 34 seconds West 660.00 feet parallel with the South line of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds West 330.00 feet; thence 89 degrees 13 minutes 34 seconds East 660.00 feet to the place of beginning.
2568 38th Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: August 7, 2025
File No. 25-009556
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(08-07)(08-28)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Future Advance Mortgage made by E-Spin LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, 3381 Blue Start Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan. 49453, to Mark H. Zietlow & Associates, PLC ("Mortgagee"), a Michigan professional limited liability company, 388 Garden Avenue, Suite 140, Holland, Michigan 49424, dated January 4, 2024, and recorded January 4, 2024, as Document # 2024000150, OPR LIBER 4913, PAGE 85, in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan and State of Michigan (the "Mortgage"), and in the conditions of a certain First Amendment of Future Advance Mortgage dated June 26, 2024, and recorded June 26, 2024, as Document # 2024009425, OPR LIBER 4953 PAGE 335, in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Allegan and State of Michigan (the "First Amendment"). There is claimed to be due on the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and 75/100 Dollars ($237,826.75) on the Mortgage and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, where by the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;
Now Therefore, Notice is Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises therein described, at a public auction sale, to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the Main Entrance, which is the northwest door, of the Allegan County Courthouse, 113 Chestnut Street, in the City of Allegan and County of Allegan, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court in and for said County, on September 4. 2025, at promptly 9:00 o'clock in the morning of said day; which said mortgage premises are described as follows, to-wit:
Land situated in the Township of Saugatuck, County of Allegan, Michigan, described as: The South 294 feet of the North 784 feet of the North 5/8 of the West 1 /2 of the Northwest 1 /4 of Section 10, Town 3 North, Range 16 West, Township of Saugatuck, Allegan County, Michigan, lying East of State Trunk Line U.S. Highway 31 (now Blue Star Highway).
Commonly known as 3381 Blue Start Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan. 49453
Parcel No. 03-20-010-015-00
Said premises will be sold to pay the amount as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage and First Amendment, together with legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale. The amount due on said Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the last day to redeem the Sheriffs Deed will be March 4, 2026, however, if an Affidavit of Abandonment is filed with the Register of Deeds, the last day to redeem will be October 4, 2025, or until the time to provide the notice was required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.
If said property is in fact sold at the above-described foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the above listed Mortgagor will be responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to Mortgagee for damaging the property during the redemption period.
ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing Mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.
Dated: July 30, 2025
Mark H. Zietlow & Associates, PLC
Mortgagee.
8-7 8-28

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: KAI HERRERA
CASE NO. 22-66463-NA PETITION NO. I
A PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on AUGUST 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM in FAMILY COURT HEARING ROOM B before REFEREE MICHAEL L. DEYOUNG. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that RICHARD HERRERA personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.
Dated: 8/4/25
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65622-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of John Francis Burkhard Date of Birth:*February 10, 1950
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Francis Burkhard, died February 23, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeffrey D Burkhard, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
April 2, 2025
William E. Westerbeke P65185
4595 Broadmoor Ave., SE, Ste. 236
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
616-965-2060
Jeffrey D Burkhard
15624 W. Clear Lake Rd.
Buchanan, MI 49107
(269) 362-2070

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, September 4, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Lucy Lynn Kosiba, An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns , Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003, and recorded on September 2, 2003, in Liber 2543, Page 63, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-1 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 15, 2021 and recorded September 20, 2021 in Liber 4672, Page 623, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and 84/100 ($73,523.84) including interest at the rate of 4.00000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 230 feet of the West 379 feet of the North 620 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 4 North, Range 12 West (89), Township of Dorr, County of Allegan, State of Michigan. Commonly known as: 3929 14TH ST, DORR, MI 49323 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: August 7, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2018-1 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00496-1
(08-07)(08-28)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on September 04, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Randall Overweg and Dee Ann Overweg, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 21, 2023 Recorded on September 5, 2023, in Document No. 2023012709, Liber 4883, on Page 318, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One and 44/100 Dollars ($288,861.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Part of the East half of the Southwest 1/4 Section 16, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of Section 16 and proceeding thence along the South line of Section 16 due West 233.52 feet; thence along the centerline of an existing road North 05 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West 275.10 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 42 seconds East 264.26 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line South 00 degrees 56 minutes 13 seconds West 272.31 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 4399 130th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(08-07)(08-28)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65664-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Paul Stuart Weikert Date of Birth:*08/12/1943
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Paul Stuart Weikert, died 07/26/2022.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas Weikert, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
8/4/2025
Jessica Blake P79847
PO Box 7038
Huntington Woods MI 48070
313-424-8685
Thomas Weikert
9108 45th Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98136

CLASSIFIEDS

Auction

To be sold at auction at Ron's Towing, 3693 Division, Wayland MI, on August 7,2025 @ 10:00 AM. 2008 Buick Enclave silver Vin# 5GAEV23728J141509 STARTING BID @ $3,500.00. 2012 CHEVY CRUZE white Vin # 1G1PF5SCXC7168525 STARTING BID @ $ 4,000.00. 2002 FORD F250 PICK UP white Vin # 1FTNX21F02EB04509 STARTING BID @ $3,000.00. 2013 GMC YUKON XL white Vin # 1GKS2MEF9DR165364 STARTING BID @ $ 3,500.00. 2013 FORD E-350 CUTAWAY/BUS white Vin # 1FDEE3FL3DDB12683 STARTING BID @ $ 5,000.00

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RELIGION SECTION

A century ago, on July 21, 1925, the "Trial of the Century" was held in Dayton, Tennessee when supporters of Creationism tangled with those who believe in Evolution. Sometime earlier that year, the Tennessee legislature outlawed teaching what was known as "Darwinism" in public schools, effectively cutting off any debate. Others disagreed, and the trial was carefully arranged or staged to debate and get a judicial ruling. The defendant was John Scopes, a young teacher, represented by Clarence Darrow. The prosecution team was led by William Jennings Bryan.

Scopes was convicted of violating state law, given a $100 fine which was paid by someone else, and that was seemingly the end of the matter. Far from it. The debate over evolution, Old Earth, Young Earth, Theistic Evolution, the relevance of DNA, Intelligent Design, and much more has continued ever since.

I am not interested in who is right or more right, nor who is wrong or more wrong. It is a matter of scientific inquiry and faith. I find all of it very interesting, if for no other reason that it exercises the brain cells.

What I do believe is important is how we debate, agree, or disagree with each other. I write that because I suspect this is a subject that will not be firmly resolved this side of the Pearly Gates. Perhaps we will be invited to attend a lecture or workshop where God will give some definitive answers. But how we interact with each other - now that is what I think is the most important thing right now.

Repeatedly, St. Paul wrote to the first-generation Christians, and to us by extension, to avoid getting caught up in foolish debates. Not that this ever-stopped theologians, clergy, and lay people from establishing some very firm doctrines as a protective barrier against those who dared to disagree with them.

Right now, the most important task faced by men and women of faith and their churches, is following the two Great Commandments. Evolutionists and creationists can disagree, yet worship God together. How we debate this topic with those with whom we disagree is a matter of living out our Lord's second commandment.

We have too many important challenges to work on, and we can't let a debate stop us from combining our forces to do God's will and work for the common good. There are hungry people in our own community; there are children without the resources for school; there are lonely and hurting older people.

Less debate and argument; more doing God's will.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
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Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
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Allegan United Methodist Church
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Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

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110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
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210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
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5587 113th Ave., Fennville
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616-886-1214

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Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

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880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

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4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
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Christ Community Church
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Pastor Wally Coots

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112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

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4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

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1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

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John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

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5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
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Fennville United Methodist Church
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Bob Lynch, Pastor
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www.fpcallegan.org
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269 673-3881
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Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

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PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

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2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

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269-561-5277

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Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
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Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

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616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

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10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

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410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
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805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

The River Flows with Hope and Healing
1652 M-40 North, Allegan
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

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Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

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OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE

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Original or Thick Cut
12 oz.
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On The Border Tortilla Chips
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Farmland Roll Sausage
12 oz.
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12 oz.

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Utz Chips
7.75 - 8 oz.
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Select Varieties
TransOcean Imitation Crab or Lobster
8 oz.
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each
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Kraft Chunk Cheese
7 - 8 oz.
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Select Varieties
Land O'Frost DeliShaved Lunch Meat
7.5 - 9 oz.

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Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Shingles
6 oz.
(excludes swiss)
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JJ's Bakery Snack Pies
Apple, Berry, Peach, Cherry, Chocolate or Lemon
4 oz.
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Select Varieties
Eckrich Franks
Regular or Bunsize (12 - 14 oz.),
Bologna: Regular or Thick Cut (12 oz.) or
Cotto Salami (10 oz.)
BUY TWO GET Three Free

Select Varieties
Powerade Sports Drink
28 oz.
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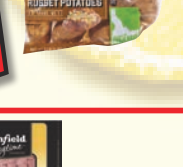

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18.4 oz.
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16 oz.
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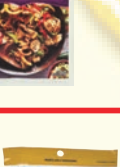

Select Varieties
Our Family Taco or Fajita Seasoning
1.25 oz.
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Select Varieties
Menu Del Sol Taquitos
1.2 lb.
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Smithfield Diced or Cubed Ham
8 oz.
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JJ's Bakery Crispy Rice Treats
Homestyle or Birthday Cake
1.25 oz.
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Original or Turkey (4 - 5 oz.) or
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pint

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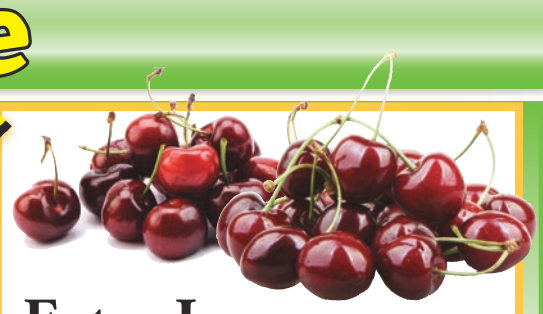

Extra Large Cherries
$2.99 lb.

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$2.49 lb.

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$1.69 lb.

Mini Cucumbers
16 oz. pkg.
$1.99

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2 lb. bag
$3.49

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Organic Grape Tomatoes
10 oz.

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Organic Celery Hearts
each

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floral center

5-Stem Dahlia
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Original, BBQ, Lemon Pepper or Fried, each
$8.99
Save at least $1.00

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$7.99 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

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$5.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

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Save at least 50¢

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Maple Pork Link Sausage

Family Pack

$3.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh

Bulk Bacon Pork Sausage

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Village Market, Store Made

Brats

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$3.99 lb.

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$7.99 lb.

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Bob Evans Side Dishes or Bowls

12 - 24 oz.

$3.99

Stehouwer's Beef Sizzlers

16 oz.

$5.99

Select Varieties

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Fresh

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Our Family Raw Shrimp

61 - 70 ct., 16 oz. **$7.99**

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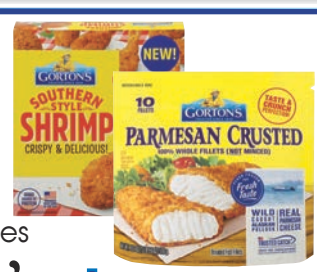

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6 - 9 oz.

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Oscar Mayer Basics Lunchables
(2 - 4.4 oz.) or **P3** (2 - 2.3 oz.)

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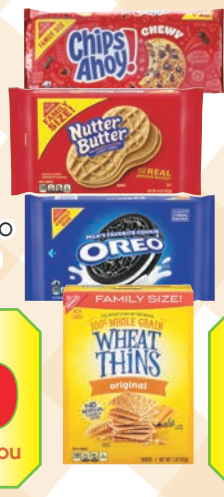
Select Varieties
Nabisco Family Size Cookies
Chips Ahoy!, Nutter Butter or Oreo or **Snack Crackers**
11.78 - 20.5 oz.



$4.99 - $1.00
$3.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Hidden Valley Secret Sauce or Dressing
12 - 16 oz.

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$2.99 When You Buy 5.

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Special K or Raisin Bran Cereal
9.6 - 16.1 oz.

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Select Varieties
Kool-Aid Jammers
10 ct.

$2.99 - $1.00
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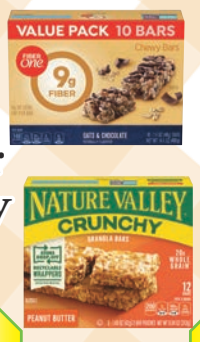
Select Varieties
Fiber One or Nature Valley Bars
10 - 12 ct.



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Kraft Singles
10.7 - 12 oz.

$3.99 - $1.00
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Select Varieties
Nathan's, Red Robin, Arby's, Checkers or Sonic Appetizers
14 - 28 oz.

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Ore-Ida Potatoes
22 - 32 oz.

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$3.99 When You Buy 5.

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TGI Friday Appetizers
8 - 11 oz.

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Kool-Aid Powdered Drink Mix
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Select Varieties
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8 - 11.25 oz.

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Select Varieties
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Gatorade Sports Drinks
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Save at least $2.00 on 1

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Lay's Potato Chips
5 - 8 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $2.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.
(plus deposit)
2/$10
Save at least $3.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Monster Energy Drinks
12 pk. cans
(plus deposit)
$19.99

Select Varieties
Green Mountain, Caribou, McCafé, Cinnabon, Newman's Own or Original Donut Shop Coffee Pods, 10 - 12 ct.
$5.99
Save at least $5.70 on 1

Select Varieties
Kellogg's Crackers
Toasted, Town House, Cheez-It or Club
5.75 - 13.8 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $4.18 on 2

Select Varieties
Crystal Light On-the-Go Drink Mix
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Save at least $2.98 on 2

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Save at least $3.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Little Debbie Big Packs
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Select Varieties
Bai 5 Drinks (18 oz.) or
Core Hydration
(23.9 oz.) ..... **5/$5**

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Truly Hard Seltzer
Slim Can Berry or Citrus Variety Pack, Lemonade, Fruit Punch Variety Pack or Pool Side Variety Pack
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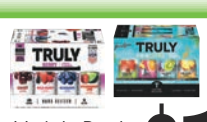

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Save at least $3.17 on 3

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Save at least 58¢ on 2

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$2.29

Select Varieties
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$5.99
Save at least $1.00 on 1

Select Varieties
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15 - 15.5 oz.
5/$5
Save at least 25¢ on 5

Select Varieties
Hunt's or Ro-Tel Canned Tomatoes
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2/$4

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Select Varieties
Crav'n Flavor Graham Crackers
14.4 oz.
2/$5

Our Family Marshmallows
Regular or Mini
10 oz.
2/$3

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Regular or Low Splash
81 oz.
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Select Varieties
Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent
100.5 - 105 oz.
$7.99

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$3.49
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Bays English Muffins
6 ct.
2/$6
Save at least $2.78 on 2

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gallon
$3.29
Save at least 70¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Silk Milk
59 - 64 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $2.48 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Biscuits or Rolls
(8 ct.) or **Pizza Dough**
(13.8 oz.)
2/$5
Save at least 58¢ on 2

Milo's Tea
Famous Sweet, Unsweet
or Zero Calorie Sweet
gallon
$3.99
Save at least 20¢ on 1

Select Varieties
Kraft Cubed or Cracker Cut Cheese
6.4 - 7 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $1.78 on 2

Select Varieties
Dannon Yogurt
Smoothies (6 ct.), Light + Fit (32 oz.),
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Select Varieties
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10.54 - 14.1 oz.
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